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Subject: **ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY: Your Performance, in Office, as a NYS Senator since 2013 & Your 2025 Electoral Race for Manhattan Borough President**

TO: [Senator](#) and [Would-Be Manhattan Borough President](#) Brad Hoylman-Sigal, ESQ.

Elections are a time of accountability. Based on your performance as a state senator, why do you believe yourself fit to be Manhattan borough president – or for any office of public trust?

In reports issued in [2004](#), [2006](#), and [2008](#), New York University's Brennan Center for Justice described New York's Legislature as the most dysfunctional in the nation. This dysfunction, reflected in sham committees that do not meaningfully discharge their lawmaking and oversight responsibilities, would have been obvious to you – a lawyer – upon taking office on January 1, 2013, especially as it was reinforced by my correspondence to you, starting [two days later](#) and which, by April 15, 2013, necessitated my filing a [public corruption complaint to then U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara](#) against you, your fellow legislators, and New York's other highest constitutional officers, which I furnished you repeatedly, including by a [June 4, 2013 letter](#) addressed to you as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, bearing the title: **"DOING YOUR PART TO END PUBLIC CORRUPTION: PART III: Request for Legislative Oversight, Analysis and Investigation of CJA's April 15, 2013 corruption complaint to U.S. Attorney Bharara..."**.

Just as you did not respond to ANY of my prior correspondence, so you did not respond to this [June 4, 2013 letter](#). Nor did you respond to ANY of the mountain of subsequent correspondence I sent you, ALL chronicling the corruption and unconstitutionality of state governance involving the state budget and the "false instrument" pay raises it embeds, enabled by a corrupt state Judiciary "throwing" litigation challenges by fraudulent judicial decisions – aided and abetted by the litigation fraud of the state Attorney General, a corrupt Commission on Judicial Conduct, and corrupt court-controlled attorney grievance committees. To no avail I repeatedly sought meetings with you, without success. This, notwithstanding you were, until January 2019, the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, for which, each year, you got a \$9,500 stipend – and notwithstanding, since January 2014, you were a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, becoming its ranking member in January 2017, with a \$11,000 yearly stipend until you became its chair in January 2019 – a position you hold to date. You were also a member of the Senate Finance Committee, from January 2019 to January 2025. Currently, in addition to chairing the Senate Judiciary Committee, your committee assignment include the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, the Senate Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance, and the Senate Rules Committee.

[All my correspondence to you](#), spanning more than a dozen years, since January 2013, [all my testimony at the Legislature's budget hearings](#) since February 2013, and the [FOUR citizen-taxpayer action lawsuits](#) that, since March 2014, I have brought against you and your fellow legislators – the latter two live and at the Court of Appeals on appeals of right, [here](#) and [here](#) – are fully substantiated by open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE. You have not denied the accuracy and truth of any of it. Instead, you have used your positions of power and leadership to further defraud the public, such as by extolling and praising New York's Judiciary and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, as if they are not corrupt. This has been your

modus operandi, particularly at the Legislature's budget hearings on "public protection", whose first witnesses are the Chief Administrative Judge and the Commission on Judicial Conduct's Administrator.

Turning to 2019, the first year of your Senate Judiciary Committee chairmanship, I sent you and all Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees members a [February 28, 2019 e-mail](#) entitled "AGENDA: Judiciary budget & budget for the Commission on Judicial Conduct for Fiscal Year 2019-2020", furnishing, in substantiation, [the written testimony](#) I had submitted for the Legislature's February 11, 2019 budget hearing on "local government officials/general government" with its [set of 41 questions about the Judiciary's budget](#) and its [set of 27 questions about the Legislature's budget](#) and asking, by my e-mail message:

"whether ANY of the 15 members of the Senate Judiciary Committee or 21 members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee have ever themselves filed a complaint of judicial misconduct with the Commission on Judicial Conduct – or filed a complaint of attorney misconduct with the court-controlled attorney grievance committees. If not, on what EVIDENTIARY basis does any Committee member, all but two of whom are lawyers, purport that these entities are properly functioning?" (capitalization in the original).

You ignored it – and your business-as-usual corrupting of the state budget for FY2019-20 and willful failure to effect any oversight over the December 10, 2018 report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation, which, on January 1, 2019, by "force of law", had raised legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000, and which, *on its face*, was violative of the statute pursuant to which it purported to be rendered, Part HHH of the FY2018-19 revenue budget bill, to which it had been unconstitutionally inserted by the "three men in the room", and your reprise of corruption by the even more indefensible FY2020-21 state budget, to which I had alerted you by a [February 19, 2020 e-mail](#), attaching my [February 18, 2020 letter to then Governor Cuomo](#) with its [set of 50 questions about the Judiciary's budget](#) and [set of 47 questions about the Legislature's budget](#) resulted in my filing with then Manhattan D.A. Cyrus Vance, Jr. a [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) against you and your fellow Manhattan state legislators. You were then running for re-election, now for a fifth term, and I sent you the complaint by cc'ing you, your fellow Manhattan legislators, and D.A. Vance, on a [September 21, 2020](#) e-mail to NYC's "local journalism" entitled "Manhattan Elections 2020 – Informing Voters with EVIDENCE...". The e-mail identified that D.A. Vance was "sitting on" the complaint, knowing that it established that you and your Manhattan state legislative colleagues, starting with Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger, had to be indicted and would be convicted.

Like my April 15, 2013 public corruption complaint, this June 9, 2020 grand/jury public corruption complaint did not restrain you in the slightest. To the contrary, you went on to brazenly corrupt "merit selection" to the Court of Appeals. Chronicling this are my two e-mails to you, in 2021:

- [my June 1, 2021 e-mail](#) – "Senate Judiciary Committee procedures for vetting Gov. Cuomo's nominations of Singas & Cannataro to the NY Court of Appeals -- & request to testify in strong opposition at their confirmation hearings, with EVIDENCE, decisive of their unfitness"; and
- [my June 7, 2021 e-mail](#) – "Your tomorrow's 'meeting' on the nominations of Singas & Cannataro to the NY Court of Appeals -- UNCONSTITUTIONAL & FRAUDULENT, as it has not been preceded by vetting of the EVIDENCE decisive of their unfitness, of which you have had NOTICE",

and, in 2023, my two e-mails to you pertaining to Governor Hochul's two nominations to the Court of Appeals:

- [my April 16, 2023 e-mail](#) – “Request to testify in opposition to Rowan Wilson’s confirmation as chief judge & Caitlin Halligan’s confirmation as associate judge, plus FOIL request”; and
- [my April 17, 2023 e-mail](#) – “AGAIN: Request to testify vs Rowan Wilson’s confirmation as chief judge & Caitlin Halligan’s confirmation as associate judge -- & the duties of the Senate Judiciary Committee”.

Six and a half months later, you would go on to rig a November 1, 2023 “oversight hearing of the Family Court”, held by the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Committee on Children and Families, of which you were then a member, including by excluding, as witnesses, myself and others able to testify with evidence against your desired narrative – a fact highlighted by my timely-submitted [written testimony](#).

In that connection, your ZERO interest in a Legislature functioning in a legitimate, constitutional way, *to wit*, by actual legislative due process, with findings of fact and conclusions of law based on evidence that is not cherry-picked, may be attributed to your knowledge that such would be an impediment to your hard-left, “woke” political and sexual agenda, whose enactment into law you have unconstitutionally achieved through behind-closed-doors deals, legislatively-passed in steamrolling, rubber-stamp fashion.

To enable Manhattan voters to see for themselves how flagrantly you have put your own interests over theirs and jettisoned your duty to ensure the integrity of state governance, all the while posturing as a great defender of the rule of law and equal justice, I have created a [webpage for your 2025 run for Manhattan borough president](#) on which the EVIDENCE of your corruption as a state senator is posted and accessible, together with the complaints I have filed against you and your co-conspirators with ethics and criminal authorities. It is part of a series of webpages, featured by the first prominent center link on CJA’s homepage, www.judgewatch.org, entitled “[ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot](#)”.

If you have anything to say in your own defense – including as relates to the now-being-enacted FY2025-26 state budget, as to which I submitted three separate written testimonies, [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#), plus a [letter/FOIL request to Chief Administrative Judge Zayas pertaining to the Judiciary’s budget](#), to which you were cc’d and which I furnished you by [e-mail](#) – send it and I will post it directly beneath this e-mail, to be featured at the top of CJA’s webpage for your Manhattan borough president candidacy, and furnished to the other candidates vying for that office and the media.

Thank you.

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