

**Senate Judiciary Committee's January 20, 2016 Hearing on the Confirmation of Westchester County District Attorney Janet DiFiore as New York's Chief Judge**

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...I am also going to put into the record writings concerning this nominee. And then we'll take a five minute recess and then we'll ask the nominee to come forward, tell us about herself, and then we can ask her some questions. But, let me put into the record extensive writings that we have received.

Written submission from Jeffrey Deskovic. He's a criminal justice reform advocate and director of the Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation for Justice. This gentleman had served 17 years, not served, he was in jail for 17 years and he was exonerated as of the efforts of Janet DiFiore through DNA evidence where he was then never guilty, should never have been found guilty of the original crime and he was exonerated as a result of the efforts of this nominee.

A written submission from Samuel Abady, an attorney, on behalf of Jeffrey Deskovic, 12 pages.

The District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, 2 pages, very positive concerning this nominee.

A submission from Carol Noe, of the Judicial Corruption Enforcement Task Force, 7 pages, negative generally of the court system.

Written submissions from Tatiana Neroni, 11 pages, just negative about the judicial arena.

Submissions from the Center for the Judicial Accountability, 38 page, negative about judges' pay raises.

And submission from James Brady, 10 pages, negative of the Court of Appeals in general. So they are all of the writings. They have been furnished to each member of the Committee and when we have the nominee here, you're welcome to get into any area you deem suitable.

At this time we will conclude the public hearing. We will take a brief recess for five minutes, as I said, and then we will convene a meeting of the Judicial Committee and hear personally from the nominee.