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**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:24 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Clarification: "Change in State Budget Impacts Minor Political Parties (April 13, 2020 article, Post-Journal)"

Elena,

There was a press conference concerning this back in December:

<https://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/ny-green-party-libertarian-ballot-20191210-iv74yaehy5gptdrq4zs436da4q-story.html>

<https://wcbs880.radio.com/articles/news/green-party-libertarian-team-up-to-fight-new-election-rules>

Here is a video of the press conference:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8II41XvIrPo>

I hope this helps in providing more context of the situation.

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On Apr 20, 2020, at 12:17 PM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)> wrote:

TO: Dennis Phillips/Jamestown Post-Journal

Your April 13<sup>th</sup> article "*Change in State Budget Impacts Minor Political Parties*" reports that Chautauqua County Libertarian Party Chair Andrew Martin Kolstee stated that "a lawsuit has been filed to fight the changes in the 2020-21 state budget" pertaining to its heightened ballot qualification requirements for political parties.

I have not seen other reporting of such lawsuit. Have you? Perhaps you misunderstood.

By copy of this e-mail to Chautauqua Chair Kolstee and to State Chair Tony D'Orazio, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Tucker Coburn, I ask that they clarify whether, in fact, a lawsuit has already been filed – and, if so, that they immediately call me and/or e-mail me a copy. I have important information and evidence to enable the Libertarian Party – and other third parties – to EASILY WIN A LEGAL CHALLENGE. I have already drafted an e-mail with that "GOOD NEWS", addressed to New York's six ballot-qualified third parties. I hope to send it out shortly.