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Subject: A propos of your September 28th Capitol Confidential blog, "Cuomo vetoes M/C

paybill; OMCE is upset" -- to which there are 123 comments, currently --

Attachments: 6-25-13-ltr-to-gov-20pp.pdf

See the attached & below – from which you may reasonably conclude that Governor Cuomo did the right thing, the wrong way – and that it merits a story.

(note: p. 8 to attached April 20 memo, stating, in pertinent part: "...it would appear that the easiest solution to the problem resulting from the 2009 and 2010 administratively-withheld, but legislatively-approved, salary increases would be for the Legislature to enact a 'pay bill' this year.").

Thank you.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 10:50 AM

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Subject: NOTICE: The Governor Must NOT Sign A.246 (establishing a special commission on compensation of managerial & confidential state employees)

TO: Kristin Ross, Legislative Secretary

This follows up our phone conversation a short time ago, in which you confirmed that A.246 is on the Governor's desk, awaiting action by midnight, Friday, September 27th. As discussed, attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's June 25, 2013 letter to Governor Cuomo in opposition to A.246 – even truer today than when written three months ago.

Entitled:

"Your Duty to Disapprove A.246 (establishing a special commission on compensation of managerial and confidential state employees) and to Use its Return to the Legislature, Pursuant to Article IV, §7 of the New York State Constitution, to Advance the Non-Partisan, Good-Government Legislative Rules Reforms of the 2004, 2006, and 2008 Brennan Center Reports",

the letter – with its overwhelming substantiating evidence – is posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the top panel "Latest News". Here's the direct link: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation-progeny.htm

Please be sure that this e-mail and our June 25th letter are furnished to the Governor, as well as to his counsel – most particularly, Mylan Denerstein and Jeremy Creelan – and that they are included in the legislative bill jacket for A.246.

Thank you.

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