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Subject:	Questions for Congressman John Katko & Election Lead

TO: ROBERT HARDING - Auburnpub.com

Thank you for inviting questions for your live Facebook interview of Congressman John Katko, scheduled for January 16th: <u>http://auburnpub.com/blogs/eye_on_ny/rep-john-katko-to-participate-in-facebook-live-interview-</u> with/article_f56914fa-f49f-11e7-96c2-bb9c4ef893ad.html#tncms-source=infinity-scroll-summary-siderail-latest.

Here are some questions, prompted by your April 25, 2017 article: *"Rep. John Katco won't run for NY attorney general in 2018"*: <u>http://auburnpub.com/blogs/eye_on_ny/rep-john-katko-won-t-run-for-ny-attorney-general/article_354d098a-28f6-11e7-901f-87600d472314.html</u> – simultaneously furnishing you with an ELECTION LEAD:

- (1) The NYS Republican Party does not appear to have any candidates for attorney general. ("The impeding GOP catastrophe in Trump's backyard", Politico, Jan. 8, 2018: <u>https://www.politico.com/story/2018/01/08/new-york-republicans-trump-midterms-328245</u>). Presumably, prospective candidates do not believe incumbent Attorney General Schneiderman is vulnerable to challenge. What do you think?
- (2) Might you re-consider your last year's decision not to put yourself forward as a candidate, if you had <u>evidence</u> that Attorney General Schneiderman was vulnerable?
- (3) Has State Republican Party Chairman Cox or anyone else in the Republican Party -- alerted you to an e-mail notification they received last week about such <u>evidence</u>? Have they told you about a citizen-taxpayer action involving the NYS budget in which Attorney General Schneiderman is both a defendant sued for corruption and attorney representing himself and his fellow defendants Governor Cuomo, Comptroller DiNapoli, the Senate, the Assembly, the Chief Judge and that it has culminated in a serious and substantial attorney grievance committee complaint against him for conflict of interest and litigation fraud?
- (4) Would you be interested in examining the e-mail?
- (5) Who do you think would be a solid choice for the Republican Party against Democratic incumbent Attorney General Schneiderman? How about against Democratic incumbent Comptroller DiNapoli – and against Democratic incumbent Governor Cuomo?

By the way, below is the referred-to e-mail – which I myself thereafter sent directly to Republican Party county chairs, as well as to the NYS Conservative Party & its county chairs. The transmitting e-mails are posted on CJA's website here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/harry-wilson.htm. The direct link to the evidence substantiating the e-mails, namely, the record of the citizen-taxpayer action, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm. The direct link to the http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm. The direct link to the http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm. The direct link to the http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/complaints-notice/9-16-17-attorney-disciplinary-complaint.htm.

Feel free to call me, if you have any questions about my questions – and about the ELECTION LEAD they include.

Thank you.

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Subject: Alert to NYS Republican Party: YOU CAN EASILY DEFEAT CUOMO, et al. -- & AT NO COST

As time is of the essence, kindly forward this e-mail to all Republican Party county chairs, in addition to State Chair Cox.

Thank you.

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TO: NYS REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN ED COX --

This morning's Politico bulletin began as follows:

"The words we heard from Republican leaders, operatives and apparatchiks this weekend were stark: 'panic, 'desperate,' and 'depressing.' NYGOP Chairman Ed Cox will <u>convene his chiefs at the Fort Orange</u> <u>Club this morning</u> to hear out the three remaining men seeking to challenge Gov. Andrew Cuomo and lead the 2018 ticket and, perhaps, brainstorm ideas for down-ballot contests. 'I think everything's got to be on the table,' Erie County GOP chairman Nick Langworthy said.

Thus far, the stories about the GOP ticket are the names not on the table. <u>First it was Harry Wilson</u>, the business adviser from Westchester, who was regarded as the party's best horse in no small part because he was willing to put up \$10 million of his own money. (Cuomo, next week, is expected to declare he has about \$30 million.) Then Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, too, <u>waved off last week</u>. Even as New York Republicans rise in Washington - there's Donald Trump, and people like Rep. Chris Collins of suburban Buffalo who are <u>grabbing onto his star</u> - they're struggling in New York.

'The truth of the matter is, it's very late,' said strategist Susan Del Percio. 'Anyone who is interested, unless they're extremely well-funded, needed to start running a year ago to raise money, get their name

out there and raise awareness. And in this current environment, having President Trump in charge will scare away a lot of people - just look at the county executive races in Westchester and Nassau counties.'

We'll see if Cox, by this afternoon, will have some news and some names." (bold in original).

It plainly appears from this, from news articles, and from Harry Wilson's January 1st Facebook post, announcing his decision not to run for governor – and his reasons why -- that you and the State Republican Party you lead are <u>unaware</u> of my below September 20, 2017 e-mail to Mr. Wilson, detailing how EASILY Cuomo and his fellow Democratic statewide incumbents, Attorney General Schneiderman and Comptroller DiNapoli, can be defeated – and at NO COST – and that two candidates that the Republican Party should NOT be considering are Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb and Senate Deputy Minority Leader John DiFrancisco. Did Mr. Wilson NOT share it with you – and discuss what steps he took to verify its accuracy?

For immediate purposes – and so that you can understand how easy it was for Mr. Wilson to verify the TRUTH of my September 20th e-mail to him -- here's the link to the webpage of my testimony before Senator DiFrancisco at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing, calling upon him to secure from Governor Cuomo, from Attorney General Schneiderman, and from Comptroller DiNapoli, among others, their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the October 27, 2011 opposition report I handed up to him: <u>http://www.judgewatch.org/web-</u> <u>pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm</u>. And what were Senator DiFrancisco's findings of fact and conclusions of law, with respect thereto – and Assembly Leader Kolb's, whose knowledge of the October 27, 2011

conclusions of law, with respect thereto – and Assembly Leader Kolb's, whose knowledge of the October 27, 2011 opposition report preceded Senator DiFrancisco's. You are a lawyer – and such findings of fact and conclusions of law as you yourself can <u>readily</u> make should suffice for you to recognize that the public officers involved – from Governor Cuomo on down – must be indicted for corruption whose cost, with respect to the statutorily-violative, fraudulent, and unconstitutional judicial and district attorney salary increases that were the subject of the October 27, 2011 opposition report, has been, to date, approximately \$300 million dollars, stolen from the taxpayers – a figure that presently increases by about \$60 million each year.

I have called Mr. Wilson's office this morning (914-623-8211), asking whether he shared my September 20th e-mail with you and what steps he took to verify its truth. The message I left was with his assistant Elena Milano, who confirmed for me – as she had previously – that she had furnished my September 20th e-mail to Mr. Wilson. I told her that I would now send the September 20th e-mail on to you and would cc her on the transmittal so that she could forward it on to Mr. Wilson for response.

Following that call, I telephoned the Albany headquarters of the State Republican Party (518-462-2601), gave a brief message to your administrative assistant, Deborah Smith, who assured me that she would forward this e-mail on to you, without delay.

I am available to speak with you <u>directly</u> – and to assist you, <u>to the max</u>, in securing what I believed Mr. Wilson was wellpositioned to achieve: a "constitutionally-functioning, fiscally-accountable government to New York State".

For the convenience of all, including the press to whom I will be forwarding this e-mail, the e-mail will be posted on the webpage I had created, but not publicized, for Mr. Wilson's candidacy, accessible from the Center for Judicial Accountability's prominent homepage link: **"OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE".** The direct link is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/harry-wilson.htm.

Thank you.

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Subject: Winning the Governor's Race -- & Bringing Constitutionally-Functioning, Fiscally-Accountable Government to New York State

TO: Harry Wilson/Potential Candidate for New York State Governor -

This follows up my phone conversation earlier this afternoon with your assistant, Elena Milano, thanking you for your civic activism and willingness to undertake a public contest to be New York's next governor, facing off, most probably, against incumbent Governor Andrew Cuomo. We need someone like you, with the independence, born of substantial financial means, to clean up the <u>boundless</u> corruption that pervades all three branches of New York State government, in which BOTH parties – Democratic and Republican – are utterly collusive and whose gushing source and motivator is the 160-plus billion-dollar slush-fund New York State budget.

News reports indicate that you are willing to devote substantial amounts of your own money to fund your gubernatorial campaign. That is not necessary. All you need to catapult yourself as a candidate – indeed, a WINNING candidate – and galvanize support from voters of all political parties -- is to use the bully-pulpit that is your name recognition, most importantly, as the formidable 2010 Republican candidate against incumbent Democratic state comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, to expose the "grand larceny of the public fisc" in which Governor Cuomo, Comptroller DiNapoli, and their fellow Democratic and Republican public officers at the highest levels of New York's government have been engaged. This is EASY to do as they are ALL defendants in an unfolding citizen-taxpayer action whose ten causes of action particularize their FLAGRANT violations of the New York State Constitution, statutory law, caselaw, and legislative rules with respect to the legislative budget, the judiciary budget, and the executive budget. This includes the UNCONSTITUTIONALITY of Governor Cuomo's behind-closed-doors, "three-men-in-a-room" budget deal-making – the first lawsuit to ever challenge such perversion of our representative democracy.

The full record of the citizen-taxpayer action, which our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), brought, in the public interest, on behalf of the People of the State of New York, is posted on our website, <u>www.judgewatch.org</u>, accessible *via* the prominent homepage link: "CJA's Citizen-Taxpayer Actions to END NYS' Corrupt Budget 'Process' and Unconstitutional 'Three Men in a Room' Governance". I showed the link to your assistant Elena, as likewise, the link entitled "OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE".

The EVIDENCE that brings down incumbent Governor Cuomo, incumbent Comptroller DiNapoli, incumbent Attorney General Schneiderman, and ALL incumbent Senators and Assembly members running for re-election next year – and does so in one fell swoop -- is CJA's citizen-taxpayer action, suing them for corruption. This, of course, includes the state legislators whose names have surfaced, with yours, as possible Republican contenders for governor – Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DiFrancisco and Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb – whose corruption, in office, I can attest-to from many, many years of direct interaction with each, including as reflected in a mountain of documentary PROOF, which I can readily furnish, over and beyond what is embodied in the citizen-taxpayer record.

As another name that has bobbed up as a possible Republican contender against Governor Cuomo is Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, who lost to Governor Cuomo in 2014 and now facing a substantial re-election challenge as county executive from Senator George Latimer, I recommend that you begin your reading of the odyssey that is CJA's citizen-taxpayer action by the summary of it presented by my attached August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER to Reform Party Chair Curtis Sliwa about Senator Latimer's record, in office. As you can see from the below e-mail, it was transmitted to the Reform Party and to New York's seven other recognized political parties – the Republican Party, among them – and also sent to County Executive Astorino. All the substantiating proof to the August 10th OPEN LETTER, including my January 2014 correspondence to County Executive Astorino, which could have WON him the governor's race against Cuomo in the November 2014 elections— and, for the Republican ticket, an electoral sweep — is posted on CJA's webpage for the OPEN LETTER. The direct link is here: <u>http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/8-10-17-open-ltr.htm</u>.

I am available to assist you – and such lawyers and constitutional scholars as you assign to reviewing the citizen-taxpayer record, on your behalf – including by furnishing "hard copies" to facilitate review. As I am only a couple of blocks from your White Plains office, it would be especially easy for me to meet with you – and I would be most pleased to do so and to discuss the extraordinary opportunity you have to "fix the broken organization" that is New York State.

With appreciation and patriotism,

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Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's OPEN LETTER of today's date entitled "**The NYS Reform Party of Curtis Sliwa MUST Rescind its Endorsement of, & Party Line to, Senator George Latimer for Westchester County Executive & the Other Parties Must Follow Suit – Unless they Deem Corruption in Office a Qualification**", herewith sent to ALL eight recognized political parties and to the three candidates seeking election/re-election to the office of Westchester County Executive: Messrs. Latimer, Astorino, and Jenkins.

The OPEN LETTER is already posted on CJA's website, <u>www.judgewatch.org</u>, accessible *via* the prominent link "OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE". The direct link to the webpage for the letter, which also furnishes THE EVIDENCE on which it is based, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/ending-the-road-latimer.htm. I am available to answer questions, under oath, and to assist you <u>to the max</u>, toward what should be our common goal of open, honest, fiscally-responsible, responsive, and accountable government, such as we do NOT remotely have on the state level... <u>You can change that</u>!

Thank you.

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