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Dear Sandra,

Great to speak with you again – nearly 20 years later, occasioned by your yesterday's article "*High-profile year of political corruption*": <https://www.newsday.com/long-island/long-island-corruption-1.16801096?pts=288003> and the *Newsday* investigative expose on Gary Melius, to which you participated: <https://projects.newsday.com/long-island/melius-investigation-ohaka/>. Excellent as they are, their message, unfortunately, is that public corruption is intractable and that there is no one in particular we should be holding accountable.

As briefly discussed this morning, there is NOTHING difficult about ENDING the political corruption that plagues Long Island – and the rest of the state. It simply requires ENABLING voters to understand WHO is responsible for the corruption – so that, come ELECTION TIME, they can “drain the swamp” and “throw the bums out”.

The job of keeping New York State free of corruption is the job of a functioning Legislature – operating through its 72 committees, engaging in oversight responsibilities. This includes oversight as to how the district attorneys of New York's 62 counties and the state Attorney General are handling corruption complaints and addressing conflict of interest issues with respect thereto.

Yet legislative committees are completely sham, refuse to oversee the integrity of government operations within their jurisdictions, and, on top of that, are engaged in outright LARCENY of our tax dollars. My written testimony to the district attorney-stacked Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, co-chaired by Nassau District Attorney Kathleen Rice, set this forth – and I furnished it for the Commission's September 19, 2013 public hearing: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/sassower-elena.htm>, as to which I supplied, in support, a particularizing August 21, 2013 letter to Governor Cuomo, as to the importance of functioning legislative committees: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/people-lead/aug-21-2013-ltr-to-gov.htm>.

The fraudulence of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption – IGNORING the true causes of government corruption, all easy to verify and rectify -- gave rise to CJA's citizen-taxpayer actions involving the state budget, to which EVERY member of Long Island's Senate and Assembly delegation is a defendant – and to which Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan is a NAMED defendant, together with Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and New York's statewide electeds: Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Schneiderman, and Comptroller DiNapoli.

I showed you where the FULL record of the citizen-taxpayer actions can be found, accessible from CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, via the center link “CJA's Citizen-Taxpayer Actions to END NYS' Corrupt Budget 'Process' and Unconstitutional 'Three Men in a Room' Governance”. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>.

Twice last year – and twice this year -- I testified, **graphically**, at the Legislature's budget hearings in Albany about the citizen-taxpayer actions. As Long Island Senator John Brooks – the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Local Government – was present for my January 30, 2017 testimony, whose focus was the Legislature's willful nonfeasance, as chronicled by the citizen-taxpayer actions, you should watch the VIDEO of what he heard LIVE:

<http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/budget-hearings.htm> – and then question him as to WHY HE DID NOTHING. Indeed, that is the question you must ask of EVERY member of Long Island’s Albany delegation – whose most powerful members, sitting on KEY legislative committees, are ALL familiar with the citizen-taxpayer actions and the “grand larceny of the public fisc” and other corruption chronicled therein. Likewise, such former members of Long Island’s Albany delegation, as for instance, Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino, who was present when I testified at the Legislature’s February 6, 2013 budget hearing: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm>. DID HE THINK THAT NO STEPS NEEDED TO BE TAKEN TO VERIFY THE TRUTH OF MY EVIDENCE-BASED TESTIMONY pertaining to the statutorily-violative, fraudulent, and unconstitutional judicial and district attorney salary increases – whose cost to taxpayers, then less than \$30 million, is today approximately \$300 million, with another \$70 million embedded in the budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. HOW ABOUT EVERY OTHER LEGISLATOR -- & THE STATEWIDE ELECTEDS: Cuomo, Schneiderman, and DiNapoli...

Suffice to say, **my testimony at this year’s legislative budget hearings – on January 29, 2018 and February 5, 2018 -- was EVEN MORE EXPLOSIVE – and most relevant to what is happening NOW.** It, therefore, should be the starting point for your evaluating this electorally-explosive story – and the straightforward questions that must be asked of Long Island’s Senate and Assembly incumbents concerning what is PRESENTLY before them, *to wit*, fraud and larceny in the budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. The VIDEOS, with the substantiating EVIDENCE to which I referred in testifying, are accessible here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm>. The full complement of corruption complaints against legislators that prosecutorial and ethics authorities have been “sitting on”, since 2013 – including those I furnished to the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption and its Commission member, Albany District Attorney Soares -- are conveniently viewed from CJA’s 2018 election webpages for the statewide electeds:

Cuomo: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm>

Schneiderman: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/schneiderman.htm>

DiNapoli: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/dinapoli.htm>

If I do not hear from you on Monday, I will call you on Tuesday – as I trust you will have had, by then, time to at least have watched the VIDEOS of my testimony at the Legislature’s budget hearings – and before the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption – cumulatively under an hour. Meantime, I am attaching the second of the two faxes I sent you on June 26, 1998, whose enclosed article reinforces that the solution to corruption lies in empowering voters with information about the candidates:

“Can it change, should it change, will it change? That will depend, we must presume, on the voters. It is the voters who must begin to pay closer attention to the candidates who are being given elective office. The voters must also make an effort to learn who is placing these candidates on the ballots and for what purpose. If not, then we shall have only ourselves to blame for the government we are saddled with. Manipulation of the process by which public candidates for any office in government are chosen should raise eyebrows among the voters....”

Finally, and pertaining to the manipulations of the political parties that are perverting our elections with multi-party endorsed corrupt incumbents, below is my August 10, 2017 e-mail, sent to each of New York’s eight recognized political parties – the Independence Party under Frank MacKay, among them. The OPEN LETTER it transmitted, attached above, gives further particulars of the game-changing electoral significance of the citizen-taxpayer actions, that will be evident to you upon your review.

Thank you.

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Subject: OPEN LETTER: The NYS Reform Part of Curtis Sliwa MUST Rescind its Endorsement of, & Party Line to, Senator Geo. Latimer for Westchester Co. Executive & the Other Parties Must Follow Suit -- Unless They Deem Corruption in Office a Qualification

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, www.judgewatch.org, 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 to the max, 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... You can change that!

Thank you.

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