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Subject: **When will you be reporting on Governor Cuomo's corrupting of state governance, involving pay raises & the state budget?**

Attachments: [3-5-21-complaint-to-jcope-lec-corrected.pdf](#)

TO: NEW YORK FOCUS

Editor-in-Chief Akash Mehta
Managing Editor Lee Harris
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RE: your March 11, 2021 article "[Assembly Leader's Budget Plans Trail Senate's On Progressive Priorities, Advocates Say](#)" and your February 25, 2021 article "'[We Need to Hold Him Accountable': After Sexual Harassment Allegations, Legislators Search for Ways to Respond](#)", both by Editor-in-Chief Mehta.

When will you be reporting on Governor Cuomo's corrupting of state governance, involving pay raises & the state budget -- embodied in FULLY-DOCUMENTED corruption and ethics complaints, including with respect to the FY2021-2022 budget?

The most recent of these complaints – and embracing my testimony about the FY2021-2022 budget at [the Legislature's February 10, 2021 "public protection" budget hearing](#) and [before Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins, directly, at the February 16, 2021 local forum on the state budget, sponsored by the Westchester Senate delegation](#) – was filed on March 5, 2021 with the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) and Legislative Ethics Commission (LEC). It is above-attached – and the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE substantiating it is posted on CJA's webpage for the complaint, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/jcope/3-5-21-complaint-to-jcope-lec.htm>.

Suffice to add, [the March 5, 2021 JCOPE/LEC complaint](#) – like [the June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint to Albany County District Attorney Soars](#), on which it principally relies – and which I furnished you TWICE, by the below two e-mails -- EVIDENTIARILY establishes that the state Senate and Assembly members clamoring for Cuomo's resignation and/or impeachment – and the senators and Court of Appeals judges who would constitute a court of impeachment ([NYS Constitution, Article VI, §24](#)) -- must themselves resign and/or be impeached – and that everyone in a line of gubernatorial succession, beginning with Lieutenant Governor Hochul, must be criminally prosecuted – and will be convicted.

As always, I am available to answer your questions and assist you to the max, on this explosive, corruption-eradicating story, establishing the DECEIT of sources on whom your February 15th and March

11th articles uncritically rely. I invite you to call me, no matter how early or late – also extending that same invitation to your **advisory board member Ross Barkan, herewith cc'd.**

Thank you.

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Subject: Again -- Bravo on your nonprofit newsroom launch -- & your stated particular interest in "pitches...related to...criminal justice...budget, and the administration of Governor Andrew Cuomo"

TO: NEW YORK FOCUS

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I have received no response to my below December 21, 2020 e-mail, whose “pitch”/“story tip” not only relates to the “budget, and the administration of Governor Andrew Cuomo”, to which your “[About Us](#)” webpage identifies you are “particularly interested”, but “criminal justice”, which you list even before the “budget, and the administration of Governor Andrew Cuomo”.

Are you not interested in “criminal justice” when the criminals are Governor Cuomo and New York’s other highest constitutional officers – and the EVIDENCE to indict and convict them, including for fraud and larceny pertaining to the ENTIRETY of the state budget and their own pay raises and embracing the unconstitutionality of “three men in a room” budget deal-making and the Legislature’s closed door party conferences is *prima facie* and open-and shut?

I take this opportunity to note that I did receive your January 1, 2021 newsletter/funding solicitation in which you state:

“Entering the new year, our sights are set squarely on the all-important state budget. The decisions made in this budget...will shape every aspect of New York’s recovery.

We're proud of the track record we've [already established](#) reporting on famously secretive budget negotiations and enabling New Yorkers to hold their representatives accountable for what they fight for, and what they don't, behind closed doors. But we're operating on a shoe-string budget ourselves, and we need your help to continue this work."

Please advise what's taking you so long to seize upon the [FULLY-DOCUMENTED "pitch"/story tip](#) I furnished you.

Thank you.

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Bravo on your October 2020 launch of an "independent newsroom covering state and local politics in the Empire State" to "help make state politics more democratic by publishing adversarial, in-depth reporting...to explain how the Empire State really works.", focused on "New York's political process".

"How the Empire State really works" – including the UNCONSTITUTIONALITY of New York's "three-men-in-a-room" governance AND the Legislature's closed-door party conferences -- is the subject of the above-attached FULLY-DOCUMENTED June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint against the highest constitutional officers of New York's three government branches -- Governor Cuomo, Lt. Governor Hochul, Attorney General James, Comptroller DiNapoli, ALL New York's state Senate and Assembly members, and New York's most powerful judges, starting with the seven at the New York Court of Appeals – for fraud and larceny involving the state budget and the pay raises it embeds, that Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares has been "sitting on". The substantiating EVIDENTIARY

webpage for the complaint is [here](#) – and the e-mails that transmitted it to D.A. Soares, as well as a subsequent July 23, 2020 FOIL request – to which Albany County notified me it had no answer – are below.

To date, and despite my herculean outreach to New York’s press, there has been NO reporting of the June 4, 2020 complaint, at all – let alone any that is “adversarial, in-depth”. The same is true of the 61 materially-identical grand jury/public corruption complaints I filed with New York’s 61 other district attorneys: [here](#).

Please call me upon your review of this politically-explosive “pitch”/“story tip” related to the “budget, and the administration of Governor Andrew Cuomo”, to which your “[About Us](#)” webpage identifies you are “particularly interested”. I am available, including on weekends and in the late night and early morning hours – and am eager to share with you a gold-mine of primary-source, documentary EVIDENCE about what’s been going on, spanning decades, for your “adversarial, in-depth reporting”.

Thank you.

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Subject: Your wilful nonfeasance & violation of duties: June 4, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution...

TO: Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares

I have received no acknowledgment or other communication from you or from your Public Integrity Unit to my June 4, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint – just as, likewise, I received none to my four prior public corruption complaints dated July 19, 2013, January 7, 2014, June 21, 2016, and March 6, 2018.

The standard for grand jury indictments, “legally sufficient evidence”, is identified by your Public Integrity Unit, whose webpage about itself, <http://albanycountnyda.com/Bureaus/PublicIntegrityUnit/about.aspx>, reads, in full:

“The Public Integrity Unit is a manifestation of the Albany County District Attorney’s commitment to abide by one standard of justice for all. No person, no matter their rank or affiliation, is above the law. Nowhere does this principle apply more meaningfully than to our elected officials. Endowed with the public trust, our elected officials and government employees are expected to act for the benefit of the citizens of Albany County, and not for personal profit or gain. On the other hand, great caution must be exercised to ensure that no person suffers personal or professional disrepute because of the dissemination of baseless or unfounded allegations of criminal conduct. For that reason, no criminal charge can be leveled unless and until supported by **legally sufficient evidence**. Integrity means that criminal charges are prosecuted in the courtrooms of our state, in a manner that is fair, just and above reproach.” (bold added).

Each of my five complaints not only furnished “legally sufficient evidence”, but evidence so *prima facie* and open-and-shut as to leave no doubt that a grand jury would speedily indict – and a trial jury speedily convict – the complained-against public officers and their accomplices.

As your wilful nonfeasance and violation of duties with respect to these fully-documented complaints raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public, I have today filed a FOIL/public information request with Albany County’s Public Information Officer to help answer those questions. A copy is attached.

Finally, I take this opportunity to correct the obvious error, at page 5 of the June 4, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, in the first name of Assemblywoman Fahy, which is Patricia, not Patrick. Please supersede with the attached complaint correcting page 5.

Thank you.

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Subject: Superseding CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of

"wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution -- & indictments based on CJA's July 15, 2019 NOTICE and analysis...

TO: Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares

Please supersede the corruption/grand jury complaint sent by the below June 4th e-mail, with the attached, correcting typos and making other essentially minor and clarifying changes. The superseding original will now be mailed.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

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Subject: CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of an Albany County grand jury inquiry of "wilful misconduct in office of public officers", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution -- & indictments based on CJA's July 15, 2019 NOTICE and analysis...

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-entitled corruption complaint of today's date. Original will be mailed. CJA's webpage on which it will be posted is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>

Thank you.

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