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Subject: **Questions about your Oct 2nd "You Paid For It" broadcast: "Part-time work, full-time pay: Lawmakers may dip into salary well again" (Channel 6-Albany/WRGB)**

TO: [Greg Floyd/Anchor-Channel 6 News-Albany \(WRGB\)](#)

How surprising not to have heard back from you, or from [J.T. Fetch](#), or from WRGB's news director, in response to my yesterday's below e-mail, or my voice mail message for you that preceded it. Especially is this so in view of your WRGB bio that you are:

"best known for [your] government accountability stories at the NYS Capitol. Greg's 'You Paid For It' reports have earned him four NY Emmy Awards, four Edward R. Murrow Awards, and multiple awards from the NYS Broadcasters Association and Associated Press."

Please advise as to how you learned of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation's October 10th hearing, reported by your October 2nd "You Paid For It" broadcast "[Part-time work, full-time pay: Lawmakers may dip into salary well again](#)". Did the Commission send you its September 3rd "[Media Advisory](#)"/"HEARING NOTICE" – and do you know whether it was sent to other media?

Also, why did your October 2nd broadcast so emphatically make it appear that the legislators will have to vote on any Commission pay raise recommendations? Did you not know – and did none of the legislators you interviewed reveal to you – that pursuant to [the statute that created the Commission](#), its pay raise recommendations have "the force of law" and take effect without the legislators having to vote on them? Did [Blair Horner, who has known about – and abetted – what has been going on, for years](#), not inform you about this?

I assume the legislators – and Mr. Horner -- did not inform you of how the legislators procured their prior two pay raises. The first, **boosting legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000**, was by a "false instrument" December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation – so-demonstrated by [CJA's July 15, 2019 Analysis](#) of it furnished to the legislators, with an accompanying [NOTICE](#) – and embodied, the next year, in [62 grand jury/public corruption complaints against the legislators to New York's 62 D.A.s](#), which, in September 2020, I sent to four of the five legislators you interviewed:

- [Assemblyman John McDonald](#), who chairs the Assembly Committee on Government Operations and, prior thereto, chaired the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation;
- [Assemblywoman MaryBeth Walsh, Esq.](#);
- [Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara](#);
- [Senator Jake Ashby](#).

The second, in December 2022, **boosting legislative pay from \$110,000 to \$142,000** – the only prior legislative pay raise your October 2nd broadcast reported – was by the "lame duck" Legislature, calling

itself into special session solely to vote itself a pay raise, whose \$50,000 cost just for the special session was the subject of your December 22, 2022 “You Paid For It” broadcast “[Special session for lawmaker raise cost taxpayers thousands](#)”, which did not indicate anything [fraudulent about the pay raise being enacted](#), although it was – and to which your October 2nd broadcast made no reference.

By the way, why did your October 2nd broadcast report that Mr. Horner would be testifying at the Commission’s October 10th hearing? Apparently, he is not testifying – and my exchange with the Commission about the witness list for tomorrow’s hearing is [here linked](#).

Please advise.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: Greg Floyd's Oct 2nd reporting “Part-time work, full-time pay: Lawmakers may dip into salary well again” -- Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation

TO: [News Reporter/Anchor J.T. Fetch – Channel 6 News//WRGB-Albany](#)

This follows up our brief phone conversation at about 4:40 pm, when you picked up the “[News Tipline](#)”, [518-381-4988](tel:518-381-4988) – which I called because I had not heard back from Greg Floyd, for whom I had left a voice mail message shortly after 11 this morning about his October 2nd article/film reporting “[Part-time work, full-time pay: Lawmakers may dip into salary well again](#)”, in which I stated that he was apparently unaware that the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation is corrupt – and that this is particularized by ethics and criminal complaints against it and a lawsuit, suing it for corruption. The lawsuit also sues the legislators – including, of course, those Mr. Floyd interviewed, who gave him disingenuous, deceitful comment. Not much better was the comment of Blair Horner, who has been an accomplice to what has been going on, for years.

Everything is posted on www.judgewatch.org, the website of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), of which I am director and co-founder. The complaints – starting with [CJA’s January 18, 2024 Opposition Report to the Commission’s December 4, 2023 “Report on Judicial Compensation”](#) – which I furnished to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Judge, Chief Administrative Judge, the Legislators, the AG, and the Comptroller – are posted [here](#). The lawsuit, which sues ALL of them for their collusion in the Commission’s corruption, was filed on March 18, 2024 ([Supreme Court/Albany County #902654-24](#)). The verified petition/complaint ([NYSCEF #1](#)) summarizes the situation – and the lawsuit record, which is a “perfect paper trail”, establishes that the

respondents/defendants had NO defense, corrupted the judicial process by litigation fraud, and were rewarded by fraudulent decisions. CJA's "legal autopsy"/analysis of the decisions is a "roadmap" of this ([NYSCEF #85](#)).

This is an explosive story, whose reporting will upend ALL 213 state legislative races, judicial races, and NY's 14 D.A. races, starting with the most important D.A. race, for Albany County. [CJA's homepage](#) features this by its first center link: "[ELECTIONS 2024: Cleaning up NY's Corrupt & Unconstitutional State Governance -- starting with its most important D.A. race: Albany County](#)", which links to a [webpage for the Albany County D.A. race](#), from which you can make your own assessment of today's Albany Times Union article "[2025 Albany County budget includes district attorney raise](#)".

While writing this e-mail, I found [Mr. Floyd's e-mail address](#). Therefore, it is not necessary for you to forward this e-mail to him, as you stated you would, because I am cc'ing him. As I mentioned to you, his October 2nd reporting of the Commission's October 10th hearing seems to be the ONLY reporting about it. Did he get a "[Media Advisory](#)" from the Commission about the October 10th hearing – and, if so, to what other media was it sent?

I invite you, Mr. Floyd, the station's news director, and other reporters to call me – no matter how early or late.

Thank you.

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