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Subject: **Your reported deal to sell The Free Press & "help steer CBS News" -- & the unreported story of Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, destroying constitutional, lawful state governance**

Attachments: [3-14-25-email-to-mamdani.pdf](#);
[mobilizing-8-24-25.pdf](#);
[9-4-25-news-tip-alert.pdf](#)

TO: BARI WEISS, Founder & Editor/THE FREE PRESS

According to the [September 3rd New York Post](#), you are in final stages of negotiations to sell The Free Press to Paramount for up to \$200 million in a deal that would give you “the keys to help steer CBS News”. Assumedly, Paramount’s incomprehensibly generous offer, by David Ellison, is predicated on a profound belief in you and that [The Free Press](#) is, as you purport it to be, “honest”, “best-in-class” journalism, by “trusted reporters” and that it actually does “seek and report the truth. We tell it plainly when we uncover it, even when it’s politically inconvenient.”

Isn’t this fraud? Taking the most recent example, how do you explain why there was NO response to my below August 1st e-mail to Olivia Reingold entitled “Mamdani can’t be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted & will be convicted of corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the NYS budget, his legislative salary, & NY’s oversight/‘public protection’ entities”, to which you and seven others at The Free Press were cc’d, plus “tips”. Was there anything that did not check out 100%?

And how “honest” is it that The Free Press allowed Ms. Reingold to write her August 6th article “[Andrew Cuomo Enters His Influencer Era](#)” – seemingly more a plug for Mamdani – and her September 3rd article “[Eric Adams Eyes the Exit, and Anti-Mamdani Power Brokers Get Organized](#)” and to give the comments she did yesterday to Elizabeth Vargas on News Nation, “[New York billionaires 'resigned' to Mamdani victory: Olivia Reingold](#)”. In the context of my August 1st e-mail, are these not “journalistic fraud”?

To further assist you and The Free Press in being true to what you claim, above-attached are my August 24th “SPREAD THE WORD” announcement “MOBILIZING NEW YORK’S JEWISH, PRO-ISRAEL, & OTHER COMMUNITIES” and my September 4th NEWS TIP/ALERT – the latter sent by a [September 4th e-mail to CBS Channel 2 News](#), among other local NYC television and radio stations. The first attachment, however, is my March 14th e-mail to Mamdani, “ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...” – and it was the attachment to my below August 1st e-mail.

If, nonetheless, you do not intend to report this fully-documented story about Mamdani’s corruption as a NYS assemblyman, destroying constitutional, lawful state governance and causing vast, irreparable injury to the People of New York – a scandal not only bringing him down, but Cuomo, Adams, Sliwa, NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running to be Manhattan borough president, and re-election-seeking incumbents NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg, and Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez – not to mention The New York Times, and that’s for starters – please furnish me the reason and forward this e-mail to Mr. Ellison and all those with whom you are in negotiations, who believe you will be

delivering to CBS News – as was [promised to FCC Chair Brendan Carr](#) – reporting that is “fair, unbiased, and fact-based”, “a trusted voice”.

As you already have had five weeks to verify the truth of my August 1st e-mail, please let me hear from you by no later than noon, Tuesday, September 9th, so that I will know whether I must myself forward this e-mail to Mr. Ellison and the top echelons of CBS News, among others.

Meantime, the only cc’s to this e-mail are Nellie Bowles and Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, who, in awarding you both [the “Light of Freedom Award” at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue on May 18th](#), burnished your legend. He may be a useful source of guidance to you, not only as a rabbi, but as an attorney.

Thank you.

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Subject: Mamdani can't be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted & will be convicted of corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the NYS budget, his legislative salary, & NY's oversight/"public protection" entities

TO: [FREE PRESS JOURNALIST OLIVIA REINGOLD](#)

A *propos* of your many articles about Mamdani and the NYC mayoral race – and, among them,

[“‘Capitalism Is Theft’: I Followed Zohran Mamdani’s Internet Trail”](#) (July 23rd)
[“‘They Know He’s Going to Become the Next Mayor’”](#) (July 16th)
[“‘The Polls Scream Mamdani, But Cuomo Won’t Quit’”](#) (July 14th)
[“‘Eric Adams to Andrew Cuomo: ‘Get Out of the Race’”](#) (July 7th)
[“‘Zohran Mamdani’s Identity Games’”](#) (July 6th)
[“‘Inside the Frenzy to Stop Zohran Mamdani’”](#) (June 29th)
[“‘Why New York Just Voted for a 33-Year-Old Socialist’”](#) (June 25th)
[“‘Mamdani Outhustled Cuomo. It Could Make Him New York’s Next Mayor.’”](#) (June 23rd)
[“‘Escape from New York: Business Leaders Say They’ll Flee If Mamdani Wins’”](#) (June 18th)
[“‘This Is Andrew Cuomo’s Nightmare Scenario’”](#) (June 10th)
[“‘Could Ranked-Choice Voting Make a Socialist New York City’s Mayor?’”](#) (May 27th)

["A Young Socialist Wants to Run NYC. Could He Win?"](#) (April 14th)

["Who Will Be the Next Mayor of New York City?"](#) (March 26th),

will you report on Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman, involving the state budget, his legislative salary, and NY's oversight/"public protection" entities? The EVIDENCE is furnished by my [March 14th e-mail to Mamdani](#) entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY", which opened as follows.

"Elections are a time of accountability. Based on your on-the-job performance as a state assemblyman, why do you believe yourself fit to be mayor of New York City – or for any office of public trust?"

Mamdani did not respond – and I sent the March 14th e-mail to him a second time, with a supplement, by a [March 17th email](#), and then a third time, when I cc'd him on my [March 18th e-mail](#) to the roster of reporters of the Legislative Correspondents Association (LCA), and then a fourth time, when I cc'd him on my [March 20th e-mail](#) to [The New York Times](#), [New York Post](#), [Daily News](#), [New York Law Journal](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), and [Associated Press](#).

Will you get Mamdani's response to the March 14th "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY" e-mail? Obvious from it – and Mamdani's votes, seven weeks later, approving the FY2025-26 budget bills – is that he cannot be elected NYC mayor because he must be indicted for larceny and corruption – and that he will be convicted. You can confirm this fact from [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for mayor as an Independent candidate, with an [anti-corruption policy platform featured on his campaign website](#). By the way, are you aware that [Mamdani's campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#)?

Also obvious is that exposing Mamdani's corruption as a NYS assemblyman brings down not only him, but the field of NYC mayoral candidates, [Cuomo](#), [Adams](#), [Sliwa](#), [Walden](#) – as well as such other NYC Democratic primary winners as NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, running for Manhattan borough president. The EVIDENCE of Hoylman-Sigal's corruption as a NYS senator is furnished by my [March 16th e-mail](#) to him, likewise entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY..." – part of my [March 18th](#) and [March 20th e-mails](#) to which both Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal were cc'd. Also NYC Democratic primary winner-incumbents [NYC Public Advocate Jumanne Williams](#), [Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg](#), and [Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez](#).

Finally, and following up on your October 22, 2024 article "[Why Did 'The New York Times' Not Disclose a Source's Hamas Ties?](#)" – and the interview of you by [Free Press'](#) [Michael Moynihan](#), "[NYT Conceals Source's Hamas Affiliation—Why?](#)" – below are my July 13th and July 11th e-mails to [The Times](#) about Mamdani's corruption – and Hoylman-Sigal's corruption – to which there has been no response.

There is more, much more – and I look forward to discussing it with you – and answering your questions about this explosive, election-upending story with so many far-reaching, truth-establishing consequences.

Please let me hear from you as immediately as possible, as TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, obviously.

Thank you.

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Subject: AGAIN -- The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -- MAMDANI, etc.

TO: New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust

Eight hours after sending you my below July 11th e-mail – whose several typos in Mamdani's name I have now corrected – the New York Post published "[Zohran Mamdani's campaign persona called into question by vote to give himself raise: critics](#)", identifying that "Mamdani did not respond to The Post's request for comment."

Apparently, The Post saw "news value" in its July 11th story. Do you? Will The Times be following up by requesting Mamdani's comment to The Post article – the tiniest sliver of Mamdani's hypocrisy and corruption that my below linked March 14th, March 17th, March 18th, and March 20th e-mails to him establish. Have you not yet determined their "news value"?

By the way, is The Times' May 28th article "[Mamdani Has a Thin Legislative Record but Is a Forceful Voice in Albany](#)" the only article The Times published about his record as an assemblyman – so puny that it had to be bolstered by comments from other legislators, ALL Democrats, as to his "forceful voice" "to move the ideological center of the Assembly to the left", interspersed with The Times' usual anti-Israel slanting and slander, consistent with Mamdani's lies as, for instance, in stating: "Mr. Mamdani stands firm in his defense of Palestinians in Gaza, where over [53,000 people have been killed](#) by Israeli forces" – when revealed by the hyperlink is that this figure is "according to Palestinian health officials, who do not distinguish between civilians and combatants" – in other words, it is according to Hamas.

Suffice to say, this May 28th article, by two of your three Albany reporters – recipients of my March 18th and March 20th e-mails and of my May 18th letter to Publisher Sulzberger – concealed the ENTIRETY of what the e-mails particularized, with evidence, and falsely made it appear as if there is nothing irregular in how the Legislature operates, including pertaining to the budget and this fiscal year, and the inclusion of policy – indeed, concluding, as follows:

“Perhaps the most telling evidence of Mr. Mamdani’s evolution came earlier this month, when the budget bills came up for a vote. As in years past, they contained scores of policy changes, not all to Mr. Mamdani’s liking. Mr. Mamdani voted yes.”

For that “yes” vote alone, Mamdani cannot be elected NYC’s next mayor, because – based on my e-mails to him – he must be indicted and will be convicted of corruption. If you have any doubt of this, you should “confirm it through direct sources”, such as [former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Jim Walden](#), running for NYC mayor as an independent, with an [anti-corruption policy platform featured on his campaign website](#).

Tellingly, [Mamdani’s campaign website contains no anti-corruption platform](#) – and none is reflected in The Times’ July 9th guest essay “*If Zohran Mamdani Wins, Then What?*” by Ross Barkan, with its required disclosure: “In 2018, when I ran for state senator in New York City, Mr. Mamdani was my campaign manager”. Barkan, a left-wing, agenda-driven journalist, is an accomplice to the corruption of lawful, constitutional state governance involving the Legislature, the budget, and pay raises. [As far back as May 2013](#), I furnished him with the evidence of what was going on, including my [April 15, 2013 complaint to then U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara](#) – sending him e-mail, after e-mail, to which he never responded. This includes when he was campaigning for the Senate, such as my [October 4, 2017](#) and [January 17, 2018](#) e-mails to him reflecting my entreaties that he could easily win election and, simultaneously, propel non-partisan, good-government reform if he would “blow the whistle” on the corruption of the Senate incumbent – entreaties I would repeat in my e-mails in 2020 to Mamdani, running against an Assembly incumbent. In any event, nothing could be more obscene than Barkan’s sentence, in his essay, “There cannot be any whiff of self-dealing or graft in the Mamdani administration”, considering that “self-dealing” and “graft” are precisely how Mamdani became and conducted himself as an assemblyman, in collusion with his fellow self-dealing, grafting legislators, who would then endorse and support his mayoral candidacy.

Please advise by no later than noon tomorrow, July 14th, whether you will be confirming from Mamdani the obvious truth of my e-mails to him, etc.

Thank you.

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Subject: The Times' "News Value" Standard & Confirmation "Through Direct Sources" -- The "On-The-Job Performance" of Mamdani & Hoylman-Sigal as State Legislators, Corrupting Lawful, Constitutional State Governance & Irreparably Injuring the People of New York

TO: [New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Patrick Healy/Standards & Trust](#)

The Times' July 4th article "[Mamdani Once Claimed to Be Asian and African American. Should It Matter?](#)" quotes [your statement](#):

"When we hear anything of news value, we try to confirm it through direct sources. Mr. Mamdani confirmed this information in an interview with The Times."

Are you aware of my [March 14th e-mail](#) to Mamdani entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", whose supplement I sent him on [March 17th](#) – thereafter sending both to him again when I cc'd him on my [March 18th e-mail](#) to the roster of Legislative Correspondents Association reporters – The Times' three Albany reporters among them – and then, again, when I cc'd him on my [March 20th e-mail](#) to The Times, New York Post, Daily News, New York Law Journal, Wall Street Journal, and Associated Press, with the five Times e-mail addresses being Metro and Editorial in addition to the three Albany reporters.

The March 20th e-mail I would then feature as "Example #1", at page 1, of my mailed [May 18th letter to Publisher A.G. Sulzberger](#), e-mailed to eight Times e-mail addresses, including Editorial, Metro, and the three Albany reporters, on [May 18th](#) and [May 19th](#).

As the "news value" of my e-mails to Mamdani is obvious, did The Times not ask him to confirm their equally obvious truth? And if not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won the Democratic primary to be New York City mayor?

Also, and plainly reinforcing, was the obvious "news value" of my [March 16th e-mail](#) to Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, also entitled "ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY...", and additionally sent to him, twice, when I cc'd him on the March 18th and March 20th e-mails of which it was part. Did The Times not ask Hoylman-Sigal to confirm the equally obvious truth of these e-mails to him? If not, why not – and will it do so now that he has won [the Democratic primary to be Manhattan borough president](#)?

Please advise – including as to when you would like to interview me with respect to the foregoing election-upending EVIDENCE of the "on-the-job performance" of Mamdani and Hoylman-Sigal as state legislators, corrupting lawful, constitutional state governance and irreparably injuring the People of New York.

Thank you.

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