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Subject: **Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint Pertaining to the FY2026-27 State Budget vs NYS' Highest Public Officers, Filed with NYS' 62 D.A.s, DAASNY -- & NYS Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct**
Attachments: [april14-2026-notice-grandjurycomplaint.pdf](#)

TO: [CRAINS NEW YORK BUSINESS](#)

I have received no responses from you to my [March 16th e-mail](#) entitled "The NYS Budget -- & the 2026 Elections for ALL 213 Legislative Seats, & for Gov, Lt. Gov, AG, Comptroller, D.A.s & Judges". Is there anything that didn't check out 100%? Do you dispute that the evidence it furnished is open-and-shut, *prima facie*, mandating that such top re-election-seeking incumbents as Governor Hochul, Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Attorney General James, and Comptroller DiNapoli be indicted for public corruption and larceny – and that they will be convicted?

To assist you in discharging your First Amendment responsibilities to report on how this year, as in past years, NYS' highest public officers have been flagrantly violating mandatory constitutional, statutory, and legislative rule safeguards to steal massive amounts of taxpayer monies and enact, by fraud and zero legislative due process, non-revenue-producing, non-fiscal policies – for which an independent special prosecutor must be appointed – above-attached is CJA's April 14th grand jury/public corruption complaint to NYS' 62 D.A.s and their organizational entity, the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY), to which the New York State Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct is cc'd. My April 14th e-mail transmitting the grand jury/public corruption complaint to the Legislative Correspondents Association's roster of reporters, on whose journalism you presumably rely, is below.

As stated by my March 16th e-mail:

"If it is not your intention to report this – essential not only to the integrity of the budget, but to the 2026 elections for all 213 legislative seats, and for governor, lieutenant governor, AG, comptroller, D.A.s, and judges – please furnish the reason and forward to your legal counsel, whose name and contact information I request.

I am available to answer questions and to assist you to the max. Feel free to call me, no matter how early or late. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, both with respect to the budget and the elections." (capitalization in the original).

Thank you.

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Subject: Grand Jury/Public Corruption Complaint Pertaining to the FY2026-27 State Budget vs NYS' Highest Public Officers, Filed with NYS' 62 D.A.s, DAASNY -- & NYS Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct

TO: [Legislative Correspondents Association Roster](#) & [here](#)

Following up my [January 29th e-mail](#), [March 13th e-mail](#), and [April 7th e-mail](#) to you pertaining to the FY2026-27 state budget and this year's electoral races, which you have ignored, *in toto*, in reporting on the state budget as if there is nothing unconstitutional, unlawful, fraudulent, and larcenous about it, and in reporting on the races for governor, attorney general, comptroller, and state legislative seats, as if the incumbents running for re-election can be re-elected, when the evidence furnished you establishes, open-and-shut, that all incumbents must be indicted for corruption pertaining to the budget – and will be convicted – below, with the above-attached, is my today's e-mail to New York's 62 district attorneys and their institutional entity, the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, to which the New York State Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct is cc'd.

If it is your intention to continue to conceal and affirmatively misrepresent the situation by your journalism, please, as previously requested, immediately forward this e-mail to the highest editors and managerial levels of your respective publications, including counsel, so that there is no question of their knowledge of, and liability for, your corruption-abetting, election-rigging, journalistic fraud, having no First Amendment protection.

I am available to answer questions. Don't you have any?

Thank you.

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Subject: FURTHER NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint: Your April 1, 2026 2% D.A. salary increases, the "false instrument" Dec 4, 2023 Report on which they are based, & other larcenies & violations of penal laws by NYS' highest public officers

TO: [District Attorneys Association of the State of New York \(DAASNY\)](#)

ATT: President/Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly

Above-attached is CJA's NOTICE & grand jury/public corruption complaint pertaining to "Your April 1, 2026 2% D.A. salary increases, the 'false instrument' December 4, 2023 Report on which they are based, and other grand larcenies of the public fisc and violations of penal laws by NYS' highest public officers for inquiry by grand juries pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution – and, specifically, pertaining to the FY2026-27 state budget".

As stated,

"I am ready, immediately, to appear, under oath, before grand juries, so that they can discharge their constitutional function pursuant to [Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution](#)^{fn7} and their statutory duties pursuant to [Criminal Procedure Law Article 190](#), including [§190.85](#) for a "grand jury report",^{fn8} Please advise as to the arrangements you will be making to enable me to do so, consistent with your own constitutional and statutory duties pursuant to [Article XIII, §§1, 13\(b\) of the State Constitution](#) and [County Law §700.1](#): "...it shall be the duty of every district attorney to conduct all prosecutions for crimes and offenses cognizable by the courts of the county for which he or she shall have been elected or appointed...".

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, both with respect to the FY2026-27 state budget and this year's elections for governor, attorney general, comptroller, all 213 legislative seats, judges – and for D.A.s. in at least seven counties.^{fn9}" (bold in the original, pp. 4-5)

To the herein cc'd [New York State Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct](#), please forward to those Commission members whose e-mail addresses I do not have: former Judges Eng, Obus, and Dougherty, and Commission Member Loigman.

Thank you.

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