

Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein

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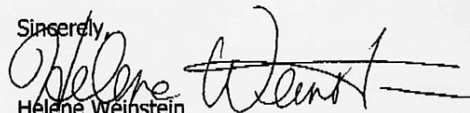
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Dear Ms Kronstadt ,

I am in receipt of your questionnaire relating to how New York State should select our Judges. Unfortunately, I must decline filling out your survey since have a long standing policy of not filling out questionnaires. Instead, I would encourage you to review my record as Chair of the Assembly's Judiciary Committee and my public comments in this area. I direct your attention to my sponsorship of A7, the "Judiciary Qualification Act", which would adopt a screening process for the selection of Judges which incorporates many concepts from the first Ferrick Commission report as well as A8, the "Judicial Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2006" which would establish public financing for Judicial elections. Both of these bills passed the Assembly in 2005.

Thank you for understanding my position in this regard. I look forward to working with The Fund For Modern Courts as we work to strengthen the public's confidence in New York State's system of justice and to ensure that New York's Judiciary meets the highest standards.

Sincerely,



Helene Weinstein
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