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### Assemblyman Joseph R. Lentol Supports Filmmakers Documentary Efforts

Assemblyman Joseph R. Lentol (D-Brooklyn , NY ) is aiding NY State filmmakers, Mike Camoin , John Carlson and producer, Debra Pearlman spread the word about their film, *A Question of Justice* ([www.QofJ.com](http://www.QofJ.com)). The film is the story of four ordinary men who faced four extraordinary challenges and made four life-changing choices.

Assemblyman Lentol made a life-changing choice of his own in April, 2005, when he cast his vote against the death penalty at the Codes Committee meeting, erasing the death penalty from the books which was re-instated in 1995. "The information and accounts I learned about at the Assembly's hearings led me to rethink my earlier position and ultimately to fight against the use of the death penalty," said Assemblyman Lentol at the screening. "The more information I had, the more personal stories I heard, the more I felt that the death penalty needed to be abolished. For this reason, I feel that any tool, such as this film, that can educate people about this barbaric and flawed form of punishment is a vital one."

Three of the four film principals, David Kaczynski, Bud Welch, and Bill Babbitt, testified at the historic Codes Committee hearings on the death penalty. It was the testimonies from family members of victims and perpetrators of violent crime that helped convince both Assemblymen Lentol and Helene Weinstein (D-Brooklyn) to re-think their positions on the death penalty.

Lentol arranged a screening of the trailer for key members of the Codes, Corrections, and Judiciary Committees and introduced them to the filmmakers. The documentary includes the relatively unknown, yet public workings of the Assembly committee-hearing process, and would prove valuable to the general public and educators everywhere. When introducing the filmmakers Assemblyman Lentol discussed why he felt that this particular film could be so valuable in the fight against the death penalty. "This film aims to give people the information they need to make informed opinions and it aims to do so in a unique and touching manner. By telling the personal stories of those who have been on the front lines of this fight, the film can truly inform people in a much more effective and persuasive way than the simple listing of facts or statistics."

During the meeting, Assemblyman Lentol and others present, such as Michelle Coe, from Women Make Movies, Inc. the non-profit fiscal sponsor for the film, brainstormed how best to assist the filmmakers complete the film this year. The filmmakers who have raised over \$100,000 in contributions and in-kind support are seeking to raise \$250,000 over the next three months, which will allow them to enter post-production.

Contributions to *A Question of Justice* are tax deductible through the film's fiscal sponsor, Woman Make Movies, Inc. For information about *A Question of Justice*, visit [www.qofj.com](http://www.qofj.com) or contact producer, Debra Pearlman, 518-677-8471.

Photo attached:

Question of Justice filmmaking team, Mike Camoin (l), Producer Debra Pearlman, and Paul Farina (far-right) Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein (center) and Assemblyman Joseph Lentol (2nd from right) Not pictured Assemblyman Chuck Levine and filmmaker, John Carlson.

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