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Senate Judiciary Committee The Capitol, Room 413 Albany, New York 12247

Att: David Gruenberg, Counsel

RE:

(1) Payment of \$10.50 cost of the transcript of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Confirmation "Hearing" on Justice Graffeo's Appointment;

(2) Record of Written Opposition to Appointment

Dear Mr. Gruenberg:

This follow up your January 9, 2001 letter, advising us – in response to our January 4, 2001 letter to Chairman Lack—of the \$10.50 cost of the transcript of the Senate Judiciary Committee's November 29, 2000 confirmation "hearing" on Justice Graffeo's appointment to the New York Court of Appeals. Enclosed is a \$10.50 check for the transcript.

Conspicuously, your January 9, 2001 letter fails to respond to the second part of CJA's January 4, 2001 letter, which sought Chairman Lack's confirmation:

"that CJA's written opposition, as well as that of Robert Schulz, Chairman of We the People Foundation for Constitutional Education, Inc. – particularized by CJA's December 1, 2000 letter – were transmitted to the stenographer for inclusion with the permanent record of the Senate Judiciary Committee's "hearing" on Justice Graffeo's confirmation."

Please advise whether those materials were, in fact, transmitted to the stenographer for inclusion in the permanent record of the "hearing". If they were not transmitted, please advise as to the reason — and their present whereabouts.

For your convenience, a copy of CJA's January 4, 2001 letter to Chairman Lack is enclosed, as is a copy of your own January 9, 2001 letter to us.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Steven M. Boggess, Secretary of the Senate Robert Schulz, Chairman, We the People Foundation