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Subject: Request for a Meeting: The Legislature's Constitutional & Statutory Duty to Reject the Judiciary's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015
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Dear Senator Marcellino,

Your constituent, Linda Sharp, called me in tears earlier today. She had contacted your office about the judicial and other governmental corruption that is destroying her family – and about which her son, Cie, had testified at the September 17th public hearing of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, with no subsequent investigation by the Commission.

Ms. Sharp stated that your office had told her, after allegedly consulting with you, that the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption only investigates legislators, not the judiciary.

Surely you know that the Commission's mandate is to investigate public corruption throughout New York state and local government.

The video of the Commission's September 17th hearing is posted on its own page of our website: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/hearing-9-17-13-manhattan.htm>. If you watch it, you will see that the Sharp family was not alone in testifying about the corruption in New York's judiciary, to which there is no redress. The Sharps were joined by a succession of other witnesses, identifying the worthlessness of the Commission on Judicial Conduct and the court-controlled attorney disciplinary system – and echoing the testimony of the witnesses who testified at the Senate Judiciary Committee's 2009 hearings that were aborted with no investigation, analysis, findings, or committee report – about which I wrote you on June 4, 2013. Indeed, I myself testified at the Commission's September 17th hearing, furnishing the Commission with a copy of that June 4, 2013 letter: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/june-4-2013-letter-to-legislators.htm>.

As I have received no response from you to my June 4, 2013 letter, addressed to the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, which you chair -- and it is germane to the suffering of the Sharp family and to countless others – I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss it with you at a meeting. Certainly we can combine such meeting with one devoted to my related December 11, 2013 letter pertaining to the Judiciary's larcenous, slush-fund budget, to which you are an indicated recipient: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/dec-11-2013-letter.htm>.

Below is the e-mail that I sent yesterday morning about setting up a meeting to discuss the December 11, 2013 letter. I would gladly meet with you in your district office – especially as that would be a more convenient venue for the Sharps and other constituents of yours whose document-supported complaints of judicial and other public corruption have gone nowhere.

Thank you.

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TO: Burton Phillips, Policy Director to Senator Brad Hoylman

Thank you for the opportunity you gave me yesterday to summarize the Center for Judicial Accountability's December 11th letter – to which Senator Hoylman is an indicated recipient as Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations. The letter identifies (at pp. 8-9) that I would be scheduling a meeting with Senator Hoylman, as likewise with Senator Marcellino, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations -- and with Assemblyman Hevesi and Assemblyman Montesano, the respective Chair and Ranking Member of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation – to discuss with them “whether they are able to meaningfully comprehend and scrutinize the Judiciary's purported ‘itemized estimates’, budget bill, and the concealed, but included, third-phase of the judicial salary increase”. That Senator Hoylman is also a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and that Senator Marcellino is also a member of the Senate Finance Committee is additionally propitious, reinforcing the role they must play in ensuring government oversight of the Judiciary's larcenous, slush-fund budget.

For that purpose – and also to discuss CJA's related June 4, 2013 letter, which was addressed directly to the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations and to the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation – I am requesting to meet with Senator Hoylman at his earliest convenience, either in Albany or at his district office – and either individually or with his three fellow committee leaders.

For your convenience, here's the direct link to our webpages for each of those letters, where they are posted with the referred-to substantiating evidence:

December 11, 2013 letter: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/dec-11-2013-letter.htm>;

June 4, 2013 letter: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/june-4-2013-letter-to-legislators.htm>

As agreed, I will call you on Friday for purposes of scheduling the meeting – unless I hear from you sooner.

Thank you.

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Subject: The Judiciary's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015: Safeguarding the Public Purse from Judicial Fraud & Larceny

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's letter of today's date pertaining to the constitutional and statutory duty of the Executive & Legislative branches to reject the entirety of the Judiciary's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, over & beyond its concealed, unitemized third phase of the judicial salary increase that will otherwise take effect, automatically, on April 1, 2014 – and calling for investigation of the Judiciary's slush-fund, larcenous budget, including by the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption.

So as not to exceed e-mail capacity, the single enclosure – the Center for Judicial Accountability's March 11, 2013 letter – will be sent in an immediately-following e-mail.

Both are posted, with substantiating proof, on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible from the top panel "Latest News", whose first hyperlink is entitled "CJA Leads the Way to NYS Budget Reform, Starting with the Judiciary Budget". Here it is, directly, <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/menu-budget-reform.htm>.

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