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**Changing the Face of the 2014 Elections: Governor Cuomo's Larceny of Taxpayer Monies by his Yesterday's Budget**

Governor Cuomo's budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, released yesterday, is a criminal act. It authorizes the theft of huge sums of taxpayer money for Judiciary and Legislative appropriations that the Governor knows to be fraudulent and unconstitutional.

Indeed, the Governor's knowledge is not in doubt. Our nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), sent two letters to the Governor, dated December 11, 2013 and December 30, 2013, particularizing the fraudulence and unconstitutionality of the Judiciary and Legislative budget requests – and calling upon him to protect the public purse. We also furnished copies to his budget director, Robert Megna.

The December 11, 2013 letter was entitled:

"SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC PURSE FROM JUDICIAL FRAUD & LARCENY: Your Constitutional & Statutory Duty 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"

The December 30, 2013 letter was entitled:

"SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC PURSE FROM LEGISLATIVE FRAUD & LARCENY: Your Duty to Exclude the Legislature's Proposed Budget from the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Because its Absence of Certified Itemized Estimates Violates Article VII, §1 of the NYS Constitution; Alternatively, to Recommend that the Legislature Reject it, or Alter it Based on Certification of Itemized Estimates",

Both letters are posted on our website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), via the hyperlink "CJA Leads the Way to NYS Budget Reform...". Each letter is posted with full evidentiary substantiation on its own webpage. The menu containing those two webpages is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget-2014-2015/menu-budget-reform.htm> .

**The December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup> letters, ignored by Governor Cuomo, should rightfully END his re-election prospects. The consequences to the 200-plus incumbent legislators seeking re-election should be equally dire, should they cover up for the Governor and, likewise, ignore the letters. Do you disagree?**

By the way, since the Governor's combined budget bill for the Legislature and Judiciary contains NO dollar totals for its appropriations/reappropriations for each branch, why don't you ask the Governor and all the legislators to tell you what those dollar totals are and to explain the allocations to you, if they can. It's a "slush fund". For your convenience, here's the Governor's combined budget bill for the Legislature and Judiciary, S.6351/A.8551, as posted, with the rest of the Governor's budget, on its own webpage of our website: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget-2014-2015/Jan-21-gov-budget.htm>

As always, I offer you full assistance, am available to be interviewed, and to answer your questions.

Thank you.

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