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**Subject:** Letter to Leadership: (1) Legislative Law Article 5-A Commissions on Gov't Administration & State-Local Relations; (2) requested meetings to prevent repeat of constitutional, statutory, & legislative rule violations re: fiscal year 2017-18 budget  
**Attachments:** 2-6-17-ltr-to-leadership-with-enclosures.pdf

**TO: Alex Roithmayr/chief of staff to Assemblyman David Buchwald/member, Assembly Judiciary Committee; Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations; & Assembly Committee on Local Governments**

As discussed by phone a short time ago, please be sure that my attached February 6<sup>th</sup> letter to Senate and Assembly leadership – identifying, on its first page, that I and CJA are Assemblyman Buchwald’s constituents -- is furnished to Assemblyman Buchwald.

Time is at a premium. I spoke with Assemblyman Buchwald briefly at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> local budget hearing -- just as he was, seemingly, on his way out. Although he told me he was not leaving, he, in fact, did not return to the community room and did not hear my testimony. Nor was he present when I testified in Albany on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the budget hearing on “Local Government Officials/General Government” – although he sits on the Assembly Committee on Local Governments and on the Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations -- or when I testified on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the budget hearing on “Public Protection” – although he sits on the Assembly Judiciary Committee. I therefore request that he view the VIDEOS of my testimony at both those hearings – repeating the request I made directly to him in the few minutes we spoke on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. As we spoke, I believe I furnished him with the written statement I had handed up at the January 30<sup>th</sup> hearing and, additionally, the hand-out I had prepared for the local budget hearing, consisting of Article VII, Secs. 1-7; Article IV, Sec. 7; and Article III, Sec. 10 of the New York State Constitution, on which I had written “**Red Alert: The NYS budget is OFF the constitutional rails**” – which is what I have repeatedly said to you in our phone conversations.

The VIDEOS of the Legislature’s January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> budget hearings – and my testimony, at the end of each hearing -- are posted on CJA’s website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), via the link “2017 Legislative Session”. Indeed, they are posted beneath where my attached February 6<sup>th</sup> letter is posted. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/new-year.htm>.

I would like to meet with Assemblyman Buchwald, as soon as possible, about the issues presented by my testimony – including with respect to the ten causes of action of CJA’s citizen-taxpayer action – and the record based thereon. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2016/menu-2nd-citizen-taxpayer-action.htm>. Considering his Harvard law degree, this should be EASY – especially as the state of the record is laid out by the September 30, 2016 memorandum of law of the non-lawyer individual plaintiff – myself: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2016/9-2-16-osc-complaint/9-30-16-response.htm>.

Meantime, and as I requested when we spoke on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, upon my return from the local budget hearing, I would like information as to what the “table target” are, how they are computed, who computes them, etc.

Thank you.

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Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's letter of today's date, addressed to you – or indicating you as a recipient.

It is already posted on CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), accessible *via* the prominent homepage link "2017 Legislative Session". Here is that webpage, directly: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/new-year.htm> -- on which is also posted the VIDEOS of my January 30<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> testimony at the Legislature's budget hearings on "Local Government Officials/General Government" and "Public Protection".

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