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Subject: Verifying the Dispositive Nature of the February 6, 2013 Opposition Testimony to the Judiciary Budget & Judicial Pay Raises

TO: Senate Judiciary Chairman John Bonacic
Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Sampson

This follows up my phone messages last week and today requesting to speak with Langdon Chapman (518-455-3181) and my phone conversations last week and today with Tim Spotts (518) 455-2788). The two most important questions that I indicated in my messages for Mr. Chapman and discussed with Mr. Spotts are, respectively:

- (1) Who, on behalf of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Republican Majority and Democratic Minority is reviewing the documents I handed up and to which I referred at the February 6, 2013 budget hearing on "Public Protection" in support of my testimony in opposition to the Judiciary's budget and, in particular, to the judicial salary increases?;
- (2) When will the Senate Judiciary Committee's Republican Majority and Democratic Minority publicly release their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to their review of those documents and my testimony?

The video of the February 6, 2013 hearing on "Pubic Protection" is posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the top panel "Latest News", whose first hyperlink is to our webpage "Securing Legislative Oversight & Override of the 2nd & 3rd Phases of the Judicial Pay Raises...". The webpage also contains all the documents I handed up and referred to during my testimony, as well as other substantiating materials. For your convenience, here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/legislative-oversight-judicial-raises.htm>.

Please advise as to how many majority and minority counsel work on Senate Judiciary Committee matters, as well as the dollar appropriations received for Senate Judiciary Committee operations – majority and minority – in fiscal year 2012-2013 and requested for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Finally, please identify where the Senate Judiciary Committee's Annual Reports for 2009 – 2012 are posted on the Senate's website and, if not posted, the reason – with copies furnished to me.

Thank you.

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