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TO: Kate Glazer, Legislative Director to Senate Minority Conference Leader Stewart-Cousins

Following up our phone conversation a short time ago – for which I thank you – below is the e-mail I sent on July 9th to EVERY Senator and Assembly Member entitled “Status of A.246 (commission on compensation of managerial/confidential state employees) -- & securing oversight over statute on which it is modeled: Chapter 567 of the Laws of 2010 (commission on judicial compensation)”. The attached July 9th letter concludes as follows:

“Please advise as to what steps you will take to secure legislative oversight, analysis, and investigation of Chapter 567 of the Laws of 2010. Or do you believe there should be none, even as its mirror-image A.246 is poised for enactment?”

Please ask Senate Democratic Conference Leader Stewart-Cousins to read the July 9th letter and its incorporated June 4th letter to the Senate Committee on Investigations & Governmental Operations – both posted on our webpage: “Fighting Off Progeny of the Judicial Compensation Statute & Securing a Functioning Legislative Process” – <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/judicial-compensation-progeny.htm>. What is her answer? What will she do to secure legislative oversight of Chapter 567 of the Laws of 2010?

Insofar as Governor Cuomo’s “Public Trust Act” – his Program Bill #3 – I have examined the Senate Rules and it would appear that Democratic Conference Leader Stewart-Cousins could have introduced the “Public Trust Act”. Here’s what Rule VII, §7 entitled “Program, departmental and agency bills” states:

“Every bill proposed by the Governor, the Attorney General, the Comptroller or by state departments and agencies shall be submitted to the office of the Temporary President and shall be forwarded by the Majority Coalition Leaders for introduction purposes to the appropriate standing committee in accordance with section one of Rule VII. Any such bill which is not so forwarded within three weeks after receipt by the office of the Temporary President shall be offered to the Democratic Conference Leader who may in accordance with section one of Rule VII, forward such bills to any member for introduction purposes.”

Please advise whether, pursuant to Senate Rule VII, §7, Governor Cuomo’s “Public Trust Act” was “offered” to Democratic Conference Leader Stewart-Cousins – and, if not, what steps she took to have it “offered” so that, “in accordance with section one of Rule VII”, she could have forwarded it “to any member for introduction purposes”, herself included.

Finally, here's the webpage on which is posted our advocacy from December and January to secure appropriate Senate and Assembly Rules and leadership: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/NYS-legislature-rules-leadership.htm>, including our correspondence to Democratic Conference Leader Stewart-Cousins.

Thank you.

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TO: ALL Senators & Assembly Members –

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's letter of today's date addressed to you. It is also posted on our website – with our referred-to June 25th letter to Governor Cuomo & June 4th letter to the Senate Committee on Investigations & Government Operations and Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation – to which you are indicated recipients. Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/judicial-compensation-progeny.htm>.

Thank you.

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