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Subject: Furnishing the Legislature with Essential Information: The Judiciary's Budget Request for 2013-2014
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Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's letter of today's date to Budget Director Megna, whose indicated recipients are the chairs, ranking members, and secretaries of the Senate Finance Committee and Assembly Ways and Means Committee, as well as the chairs and ranking members of the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees. It is already posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, on the webpage devoted to "Securing Legislative Oversight & Override of the 2nd & 3rd phases of the judicial pay raises...", whose hyperlink is accessible from the top panel "Latest News". Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/legislative-oversight-judicial-raises.htm> .

Thank you.

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RE: Furnishing the Legislature with Essential Information:

- (1) What review did the Division of the Budget do of the Judiciary's budget for fiscal year 2013-2014?
- (2) What is the Division of the Budget's response to CJA's testimony at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing on "public protection", opposing the Judiciary's budget and funding for the judicial salary increase?

Dear Budget Director Megna,

This follows my phone conversation on Friday, February 22, 2013, with Chief Budget Examiner Susan Knapp, who, initially was not available when I telephoned to speak with her (518-474-4313), but who then hurriedly returned my call upon my communicating to her secretary, Karen Mattison, what I was intending to inform the Legislature in the event I did not hear back from her promptly, *to wit*, that the Division of the Budget does NO critical review of the Judiciary's budget.