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June 21, 2001

Senate Judiciary Committee
The Capitol, Room 413
Albany, New York 12247

ATT: Susan Zimmer, Clerk

RE: Request for Documents & Information

Dear Ms. Zimmer:

This is to request a copy of the "attendance sheet" recording the names of the Committee members present at yesterday's Committee "meeting" confirming eight of the Governor's judicial appointees. If there is no "attendance sheet", please provide a list of the members present at the "meeting", as there were no nameplates on the horse-shoe shaped table to indicate their identities.

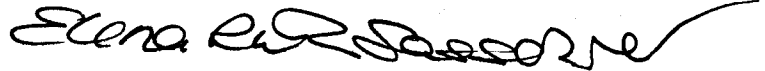
Please also advise as to whether, in connection with yesterday's seven Court of Claims reappointments, either the Governor or his State Judicial Screening Committee provided the Senate Judiciary Committee with "written report[s]" of the appointees' qualifications. If so, will the Committee provide copies to CJA? If not, does the Committee have other materials as to the qualifications of the judicial appointees that it will make publicly available?

Finally, please confirm that CJA's written opposition to the Committee's confirmation of Court of Claims Judge William Wetzel¹, as likewise the written opposition of others, such as Clay Tiffany, will be maintained as part of "the record" of Judge Wetzel's confirmation. Additionally, please confirm that such "record" will be available for inspection and copying by the public and members of the press.

¹ This includes, of course, the appellate papers in *Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., acting pro bono publico, against Commission on Judicial Conduct of the State of New York* (S.Ct./NY Co. #99-108551, transmitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee with CJA's June 17, 2001 letter.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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cc: Clay Tiffany

Senate Judiciary Committee

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