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**Good Morning Members of the NYS Special Commission on Judicial Compensation, and Ladies and Gentleman of the NYS Senate Judiciary Committee:**

On Friday, August 26, 2011, the NYS Commission on Judicial Compensation will meet to decide on the proposed increases for approximately 1200 elected NYS Judges.

**PLEASE ACT PROMPTLY TO STOP THIS BLATANT INJUSTICE WHICH WILL COST TAXPAYERS OVER 70 MILLION DOLLAR.**

FOIL has already established that while Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau was issuing directives that would devastate hundreds of families - she was preparing to ask that New York State resident tax dollars pay for raises that amount to more than the combined base salary of every employee who lost their job.

**Further FOIL documentation indicates that the Workforce Reduction Plan gave preferential treatment to Judges, hence discriminating against every NYS Unified Court System employee who did not work directly for one of this special interest group.**

On Page 2 of his April 4, 2011 memorandum titled Workforce Reduction Plan, Judge Lawrence Marks directs:

"Legal and secretarial **employees providing services directly to judges** - whether hired directly by, or assigned to, judges - **should not be included in your layoff plan. This exception applies to staff assigned to an individual judge, or to a group of judges**". *(emphasis added)*

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Reduction Plan undertaken by the New York State Unified Court system has discriminated against every employee not directly assigned to work specifically for one of the 1200 elected New York State Judge.

**WHEREAS**, less that two months after hundreds of employees were devastated by the reduction in workforce, Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau is asking the NYS Judges Commission on Judicial Compensation to grant 1200 elected New York State Judges raises of up to 62%.

**THEREFORE**, I respectfully request that the NYS Special Commission on Judicial Compensation DENY any proposed salary increase that does not first reinstate the hundreds of employees affected by the Reduction in Workforce implemented by the NYS Unified Court System.

Very truly yours,

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