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Subject: Enabling the Legislative Committees Directly Responsible for Oversight of the Judiciary's
Budget to Discharge their Mandatory Legislative Function
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TO: Temporary Senate President Dean Skelos
Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver

Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-entitled letter of today's date. It is also posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the top panel "Latest News" – which contains a hyperlink to our webpage: "SECURING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT & OVERRIDE of the 2nd & 3rd phases of the judicial pay raises scheduled to take effect APRIL 1, 2013 & APRIL 1, 2014". Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>.

Thank you.

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FROM: Elcna Ruth Sassower, Director
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RE: Enabling the Legislative Committees Directly Responsible for Oversight of the
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Indeed, should you deny or dispute that CJA's October 27, 2011 Opposition Report and the *CJA v. Cuomo* verified complaint each establish that this second phase of the judicial salary increase is, like the other two phases, unconstitutional, statutorily-violative, and fraudulent, demand is hereby made that you PROVE IT by:

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