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Subject: Assembly Judiciary Committee: Verifying the Dispositive Nature of the February 6, 2013 Opposition Testimony to the Judiciary Budget & Judicial Pay Raises

Following up my phone conversation with Nancy Rissacher in the Albany office of Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein (518-455-5462), requesting to speak with Nadia Gareb and Sarah Beaver, my voice mail message at Assemblyman McKeivitt's Albany office (518-455-5341), and the message I left with Melissa for Emily Donovan at the Republican minority counsel's office (518-455-4285), this is to reiterate that I have received no response to my below e-mail, sent on Wednesday, February 27th.

I am also now requesting the dates of ALL past meetings of the Assembly Judiciary Committee at which the Judiciary budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 was scheduled to be reviewed and discussed by its members – and was reviewed and discussed by them. Additionally, I request the date(s) of the Assembly Judiciary Committee's meetings in March at which the members are scheduled to review, discuss, and vote on the Judiciary budget.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [<mailto:elena@judgewatch.org>]
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TO: Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Helene Weinstein
Assembly Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Tom McKeivitt

This follows up my phone messages last week and today requesting to speak with the counsel with whom you work on Judiciary Committee matters. I was told that such counsel are, respectively, Nadia Gareb (518-455-5462) and Emily Donovan (518-455-4285) – and I left messages for them (as well as for Sarah Beaver, Senator Weinstein's Legislative Director). The two most important questions that I indicated in my messages for Nadia Gareb and Emily Donovan were, respectively:

- (1) Who, on behalf of the Assembly Judiciary Committee's Democratic Majority and Republican Minority is reviewing the documents I handed up and to which I referred at the February 6, 2013 budget hearing on "Public Protection" in support of my testimony in opposition to the Judiciary's budget and, in particular, to the judicial salary increases?;

- (2) When will the Assembly Judiciary Committee's Democratic Majority and Republican Minority publicly release their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to their review of those documents and my testimony?

The video of the February 6, 2013 hearing on "Public Protection" is posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the top panel "Latest News", whose first hyperlink is to our webpage "Securing Legislative Oversight & Override of the 2nd & 3rd Phases of the Judicial Pay Raises...". The webpage also contains all the documents I handed up and referred-to during my testimony, as well as other substantiating materials. For your convenience, here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/legislative-oversight-judicial-raises.htm>.

Please advise as to how many majority and minority counsel work on Assembly Judiciary Committee matters, as well as the dollar appropriations received for Assembly Judiciary Committee operations – majority and minority – in fiscal year 2012-2013 and requested for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Thank you.

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