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Thank you.

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Following up our phone conversation moments ago, thank you for passing this on to Chief of Staff Joshua Blasto.

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TO: Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
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RE: Discharging Your Constitutional Duty with Respect to the Judiciary Budget Request for Funding of the Judicial Salary Increases Recommended by the August 29, 2011 "Final" Report of the Special Commission on Judicial Compensation

As you know, your constitutional duty as Governor is to "take care that the laws are faithfully executed" (New York State Constitution, Article IV, §3). It is for this reason that Article VII, §1 empowers you to make "such recommendations as [you] deem proper", upon transmitting the Judiciary's budget to the Legislature.

Demand is hereby made that you explain why, upon transmitting the Judiciary's budget to the Legislature, both this year and last, you failed to "recommend[]" that it override the judicial salary increases for which the Judiciary was seeking funding.

Do you deny or dispute that the Center for Judicial Accountability's October 27, 2011 Opposition Report, hand-delivered to your Manhattan office on that date, dispositively established that those judicial salary increases, recommended by the August 29, 2011 "Final" Report of the Special Commission on Judicial Compensation, are unconstitutional, statutorily-violative, and fraudulent? If so, PROVE IT by producing such findings of fact and conclusions of law as you made, or as were made by your counsel, with respect to our Opposition Report, if not, additionally, with respect to the four causes of action of the verified complaint in our People's lawsuit against you, *Center for*