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TO:

Temporary Senate President John Flanagan

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie

Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb

FROM:

Elena Sassower, Director

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

SUBJECT:

To Which Committee(s) Have You Assigned Oversight of the December 24, 2015

Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation -

& the Legislature's Duty to Not Only Override its Judicial Salary Increase

Recommendations, but to Repeal the Commission Statute, etc.

This follows up my January 15, 2016 letter entitled "IMMEDIATE OVERSIGHT REQUIRED", which requested (at p. 5), consistent with your leadership positions, that you make an "appropriate direction" as to which committee(s), in your respective houses, you are assigning the responsibility of oversight over the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation – and the Legislature's duty to not only override its judicial salary increase recommendations, but to repeal the Commission statute, etc.¹

Please advise as to which committee(s) you have made such assignment.

Meantime, in preparation for the Legislature's February 4, 2016 "public protection" budget hearing, at which the Judiciary is heard with respect to its budget, I have written letters to Chief Judge DiFiore and to the Senate and Assembly fiscal and judiciary committees. Copies are enclosed.

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Thank you.

Enclosures

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The January 15, 2016 letter, as likewise this letter, is posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the prominent homepage link: "NO PAY RAISES FOR NEW YORK'S CORRUPT PUBLIC OFFICERS. The Money Belongs to their Victims!"

cc: Senate Finance Committee

Chair: Senator Catharine Young

Ranking Member: Senator Liz Krueger

Assembly Ways and Means Committee

Chair: Assemblyman Herman Farrell, Jr.

Ranking Member: Assemblyman Bob Oaks

Senate Judiciary Committee

Chair: Senator John Bonacic

Ranking Member: Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson

Assembly Judiciary Committee

Chair: Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein

Ranking Member: Assemblyman Michael Montesano

Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

Chair: Senator Andrew Lanza/Deputy Senate Majority Leader

for Government Oversight & Accountability

Ranking Member: Senator Brad Hoylman

Assembly Committee on Government Operations

Chair: Assemblywoman Crystal Peoples-Stokes

Ranking Member: Assemblywoman Janet Duprey

Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation

Chair: Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee

Ranking Member: Assemblyman Peter Lawrence

Sponsors of Assembly Bill #7997

Assemblyman Andy Goodell

Assemblyman Peter Lopez

Assemblywoman Janet Duprey

Assemblyman Bill Nojay

Assemblyman Mark Johns

Chief Judge Janet DiFiore

Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks