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**Subject:** FW -- NOTICE of Your Duty to Void the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative & Executive Compensation that Boosted Salaries -- & Preserved Stipends  
**Attachments:** 7-15-19-transmitting-ltr-notice.pdf; 7-15-19-analysis-12-10-18-report.pdf

### TO: Eamon Weber/Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, Esq. – Ranking Member of the Assembly Codes Committee

Thank you for your return call – and the time you gave to our conversation pertaining to the important responsibilities that now fall to Assemblyman Morinello, as ranking member of the Assembly Codes Committee, taking over the position that had been held by Assemblyman Ra.

Below is the July 16, 2019 e-mail I had sent to then Assembly Codes Committee Ranking Member Ra – and to the other 14 legislators in leadership positions whose stipends had been preserved by the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation. Tomorrow I will furnish all 15 of those legislators – and now new Assembly Codes Committee Ranking Member Morinello – with the letter I will be sending to the Governor calling upon him – them, the Lt. Governor, and the Attorney General – all recipients of CJA's above-attached July 15, 2019 NOTICE and analysis of the December 10, 2018 Report – to come forward with their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect thereto for purposes of oversight by the appropriate legislative committees and commissions. CJA's webpage for the analysis, from which the exhibits and other referred-to substantiation are accessible, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/force-of-law-commissions/part-hhh-chapter59-laws-2018/7-15-19-analysis-of-report.htm>.

By the way, pages 38-39 of the analysis furnish my interpretation, which I briefly discussed with you, as to the unique role of the Assembly Codes Committee that might reasonably explain why the stipends of its chair and ranking member were rightfully preserved.

May Assemblyman Morinello be – as his Assembly webpage states – “Committed to reforming Albany,...ready to address the culture of corruption in state government. ...guided by the strictest ethical standards and...ready to question the lack of standards in the Legislature today”: <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Angelo-J-Morinello/bio/>. If so, he can – by his honesty and integrity -- achieve great good for the People of the State of New York and restore the constitutional and lawful governance that been utterly eviscerated.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** NOTICE of Your Duty to Void the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative & Executive Compensation that Boosted Your Salaries -- & Preserved Your Stipends

TO: The Legislators Whose Stipends Were Preserved by the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative & Executive Compensation

Temporary Senate President Andrea Stewart-Cousins	\$41,500
Senate Deputy Majority Leader Michael Gianaris, Esq.	\$34,000
Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger	\$34,000
Senate Minority Leader John Flanagan, Esq.	\$34,500
Senate Deputy Minority Leader Joseph Griffo	\$20,500
Finance Committee Ranking Member James Seward	\$20,500
Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie	\$41,500
Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes	\$34,500
Assembly Speaker <i>Pro Tempore</i> Jeffrion Aubry	\$25,000
Ways and Means Chair Helene Weinstein, Esq.	\$34,000
Assembly Codes Committee Chair Joseph Lentol, Esq.	\$18,000
Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb	\$34,500
Assembly Minority Leader <i>Pro Tempore</i> Andy Goodell, Esq.	\$20,500
Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member William Barclay, Esq.	\$20,500
Assembly Codes Committee Ranking Member Edward Ra, Esq.	\$11,000

As you know, the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation preserved your stipends in recognition of the "significantly more work" and "additional duties" you are expected to perform (at p. 19). That Report is a fraud on the People of the State of New York and larceny of their tax dollars – and the particulars are set forth by the above-attached analysis of the Report.

Below is the e-mail I sent yesterday to Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie, with the analysis and its accompanying letter-NOTICE. It is now sent to you so that you can demonstrate how you discharge the greater responsibilities for which you are paid. Presumably, this includes alerting the other 57 Senate members and 141 Assembly members to matter of seriousness and substance involving them. In any event, I request that you promptly forward this e-mail to them, with its above-attached July 15, 2019 letter-NOTICE and analysis and below e-mail, each addressed to ALL 63 Senate and 150 Assembly Members.

Hard copies of the letter-NOTICE and analysis, with exhibits, are being priority mailed today to Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie – and I trust they will make same available to you and all other Senate and Assembly Members, upon request. Everything is accessible from CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org) –



and the direct link to the webpage for the July 15, 2019 letter-NOTICE and analysis, with the EVIDENCE substantiating it, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/hhh-compensation-committee/7-15-19-analysis-of-report.htm>.

Thank you.

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TO: Governor Andrew M. Cuomo & Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul  
Attorney General Letitia James  
Temporary Senate President Andrea Stewart-Cousins & the Other 62 Senate Members  
Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie & the Other 149 Assembly Members

RE: NOTICE of Your Duty to Void the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative & Executive Compensation that Boosted Your Salaries

This is to give you NOTICE of what you should already know: that the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative & Executive Compensation that boosted your salaries is a fraud upon the People of the State of New York – and a larceny of their tax dollars.

To assist you in belatedly discharging your responsibilities to protect the People you were elected to serve, attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's formal NOTICE to you, transmitting an analysis of the December 10, 2018 Report. Four hard copies, with the exhibits to the analysis, will be sent, priority-mail:

- (1) to the Governor, for himself and the Lieutenant Governor;
- (2) to the Attorney General;
- (3) to the Temporary Senate President, for herself & the other 62 Senate Members; and
- (4) to the Assembly Speaker, for himself & the other 149 Assembly Members.

For your further convenience, CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), posts the NOTICE, analysis, exhibits, and other referred-to substantiating evidence, accessible *via* the prominent center link, now renamed: "2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative & Executive Compensation – Unconstitutionality & Fraud in Plain Sight". The direct link to the webpage is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/hhh-compensation-committee/7-15-19-analysis-of-report.htm>.

Please confirm, as soon as possible – and no later than August 15, 2019 – that you will be taking steps to void the Report, to return the already-disbursed salary increases, and to criminally prosecute the



Compensation Committee members and their *pro bono* counsel for their penal law violations including: Penal Law §175.35: “offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree”; Penal Law §195.20: “defrauding the government”; Penal §190.65: “scheme to defraud in the first degree”; and Penal Law §496.05; §496.06: “PUBLIC TRUST ACT: “corrupting the government in the first degree”; “public corruption””.

Thank you.

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