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**Subject:** Your quoted comments--"Legislators say state budget may still be on time, but may be bare bones" (Post-Star, March 24, 2020, by Michael Goot),  
**Attachments:** 3-18-20-ltr-to-gov-revised-fn1.pdf

**TO: Senator Betty Little, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, and Assemblyman Dan Stec**

From your quoted comments in yesterday's Post-Star article "Legislators say state budget may still be on time, but may be bare bones" by Michael Goot, it appears you are unaware of how EASY it is to simplify the policy-packed NYS budget during this coronavirus emergency – and your role in achieving it. This is laid out by the Center for Judicial Accountability's attached March 18, 2020 letter to Governor Cuomo entitled **"GOOD NEWS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY: You Can Chuck 6 of the 7 'Article VII Bills' Because They are Unconstitutional. Here's why..."**. It analyzes the Governor's "Article VII Bills" for FY2020-21 and does so in the context of the Court of Appeals' seminal 2004 decision in *Pataki v. Assembly/Silver v. Pataki*, 4 NY3d 75, providing what appears to be the FIRST scholarship deconstructing its plurality, concurring, and dissenting opinions.

CJA's webpage for the March 18, 2020 letter – from which its referred-to evidentiary proof is readily accessible – is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/3-18-20-ltr-to-gov.htm>.

Below are the two e-mails that transmitted the letter to the Governor and to your 15 Legislative Leaders who – pursuant to the December 10, 2018 report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation – continue to receive stipends for the "significantly more work" and "additional duties" they are expected to perform. **Why don't you ask them what findings of fact and conclusions of law they have made with respect to CJA's March 18, 2020 letter?**

Your duty, to which you swore by your oath of office (Article XIII, §1), is to uphold the New York State Constitution. To that end, I am available to assist you, to the max – and would welcome your calling me with any questions.

Thank you.

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