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Subject: Committee on Governmental Operations -- Request for a ZOOM meeting to discuss

CJA's Feb. 10, 2021 testimony at the Legislature's "public protection" budget hearing

Attachments: feb-10-21-oral-testimony.pdf

TO: Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations Chair Kenneth Zebrowski, ESQ.

As you know, I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

Inasmuch as you are chair of the Assembly's Committee on Governmental Operations – and, additionally, a member of its Ways and Means Committee, Judiciary Committee, Ethics and Guidance Committee, and Rules Committee – please advise whether you were informed of my serious, substantial – AND FULLY DOCUMENTED – testimony before Ways and Means Committee Chair Helene Weinstein at the Legislature's February 10, 2021 "public protection" budget hearing. The VIDEO of the hearing, the written testimony I was required to submit in advance, and my written oral testimony that I read at the hearing are posted, with ALL the referred-to EVIDENTIARY SUBSTANTIATION, on CJA's website, here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2021-legislative-session/feb-10-2021-budget-hearing.htm.

In any event, I request to meet with you – and, jointly, with Ranking Member Mike Lawler – via ZOOM, to discuss my testimony and what has transpired in the three months since. Yesterday, I spoke with Assemblyman Lawler's chief of staff/legislative director, Nate Soule, about such meeting and am copying him and Ranking Member Lawler on this email for that purpose. Likewise, I am cc'ing your chief of staff/legislative director, Chris Bresnan, with whom I spoke last year following your appointment as the NEW chair of the Committee on Governmental Operations, of which you had never been a member, thereupon following it up with a February 5, 2020 e-mail sent to both him and you: http://www.judgewatch.org/nys-2020-21-budget/correspondence/2-5-20-email-to-zebrowski.pdf.

Below is my February 12, 2021 e-mail to Ways and Means Committee Chair Weinstein and Senate Finance Committee Chair Krueger, requesting that my above-attached written oral testimony be made available for review by the legislators.

I look forward to hearing from you, as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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Subject: (written) ORAL Testimony at February 10, 2021 "Public Protection" Budget Hearing

Just after I completed my testimony as the last witness at Wednesday's "public protection" budget hearing, Finance Chair Krueger announced that further testimony could be submitted — and that "it will go up on line and we can review it in the context of all our work on the budget".

In that connection, attached is the written testimony I read at the hearing – different from the statement I was required to submit in advance, which you have posted. I would appreciate if you would put this written testimony "on line", as well, so that it can be reviewed by the legislators.

Thank you.

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