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**TO: Assemblyman Gandolfo
Assemblyman Slater
Assemblywoman Souffrant Forrest**

The below e-mail, with the above-attached, was sent to you earlier today, but bounced back as I had incorrectly typed your e-mail addresses, now corrected.

Apologies.

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TO: [New York State Assembly Members](#)

Above-attached, for you to each answer, in discharge of the duties of your offices, is CJA's memo of today's date, sent to Assembly Speaker Heastie and Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins, by the below.

Thank you.

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TO: [Temporary Senate President Andrea Stewart-Cousins](#)
[Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie](#)

Above-attached is CJA's memo to you of today's date with questions for you to answer, culminating in question #40, asking:

"Would you be willing to publicly give your answers to the above questions pertaining to the Legislature's FY2026-27 budget and Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill S.9001/A.10001 at a legislative hearing on the Legislature's own budget and, if not, why?" (underlining in the original).

Inasmuch as I have, for years, furnished you with comparable, if not identical, questions, you should be able to readily respond.

Thank you.

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