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Subject: **Why has CJA's timely-submitted written testimony (in lieu of oral testimony) for the Feb 12th budget hearing on "Public Protection" not been posted?**

Attachments: [cja-written-testimony-feb12-2026-public-protection-budget-hearing.pdf](#)

TO: Senate Finance Committee Chair Krueger & Assembly Ways & Means Committee Chair Pretlow

As evidenced by the below, I e-mailed my above-attached written testimony for the Legislature's February 12, 2026 budget hearing on "Public Protection" the day before it was due.

Nonetheless, both the [Senate's webpage for the hearing](#) and the [Assembly's webpage for the hearing](#) do not post this timely-submitted written testimony, with its footnote 1 identifying why, though given permission to orally testify, I was not doing so. Instead, both webpages have retained their posting of my superseded February 6th written testimony in support of oral testimony.

Kindly replace, as requested – and confirm that you distributed it to the legislators.

Thank you.

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From: elena@judgewatch.org <elena@judgewatch.org>
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Subject: CJA's Written Testimony In Lieu of Oral Testimony -- Tomorrow's "Public Protection" Budget Hearing --

**TO: Senate Finance Committee Chair Krueger
Assembly Ways & Means Committee Chair Pretlow**

Thank you for your below e-mail advising that I was chosen to testify for tomorrow's "public protection" budget hearing. For the reasons stated at footnote 1 of my above-attached written testimony for the "public protection" hearing, I will not be making the exhausting and expensive trip up to Albany for the hearing.

Kindly, post this above-attached written testimony on your websites for the "public protection hearing", rather than the near identical written testimony in support of oral testimony that I furnished you on February 6th.

Thank you.

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From: Finance Chair <financechair@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 12:45 PM
Subject: Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Public Protection

We are pleased to advise that you have been chosen to be a witness for the Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Public Protection, which will be held on Thursday February 12, 2026 beginning at 9:30am.

REMINDER:

- **Witnesses Have Only 3 Minutes Total Speaking Time.** Legislators will have your written testimony in advance, so witnesses are **strongly urged** not to read their written testimony when testifying. Instead, the presentation of a summary of your written testimony would be the best and most efficient use of your time.