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**Subject:** Verifying the Dispositive Nature of the February 6, 2013 Opposition Testimony to the  
Judiciary Budget & Judicial Pay Raises

TO: Robert Mujica, Chief of Staff & Secretary/Senate Finance Committee Majority Coalition  
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David Gruenberg, Counsel

Following up my phone conversation with Mr. Gruenberg last Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – who called me at the request of Ms. Burman, for whom I had left a message –and my further phone calls yesterday and today, requesting to speak with Mr. Mujica, Ms. Burman, and Mr. Gruenberg, here are the two most important questions I wish to discuss:

- (1) Who, on behalf of the Senate Finance Committee Majority Coalition and Senate Republican Conference, is reviewing the documents I handed up and to which I referred at the February 6, 2013 budget hearing on “Public Protection” in support of my testimony in opposition to the Judiciary’s budget and, in particular to the judicial salary increases?;
- (2) When will the Senate Finance Committee Majority Coalition and Senate Republican Conference publicly release their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to their review of those documents and my testimony?

The video of the February 6, 2013 hearing on “Pubic Protection” is posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability’s website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), accessible *via* the top panel “Latest News”, whose first hyperlink is to our webpage “Securing Legislative Oversight & Override of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Phases of the Judicial Pay Raises...”. The webpage also contains all the documents I handed up and referred-to during my testimony, as well as other substantiating materials. For your convenience, here’s the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/legislative-oversight-judicial-raises.htm> .

Please additionally advise as to how many counsel work for the Senate Finance Committee Majority Coalition and Senate Republican Conference, as well as the dollar appropriations which the Senate Finance Committee Majority Coalition and Senate Republican Conference are seeking for fiscal year 2013-2014 to fund their operations. Certainly, too, if there is a dollar figure for the cost of their work preparing the “Counsel Staff Analysis of the 2013-2014 Executive Budget”, that is the “White Book”, I would appreciate that, as well.

Thank you.

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