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Subject: Senate Finance Committee Majority: 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
Diane Burman Counsel to the Republican Conference
David Gruenberg, Counsel

This follows up my phone message a short while ago, left with Ms. Burman's executive assistant, Sue Lattimore (518-455-2880), requesting to speak with you and identifying that I have received no response to my below e-mail to you, sent on Wednesday, February 27th.

In addition to the questions therein set forth, for which I request your immediate response, please advise, immediately, as to the date(s) the Judiciary's budget is scheduled to be discussed and voted upon by the members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Thank you.

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Following up my phone conversation with Mr. Gruenberg last Friday, February 22nd – 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 “Public Protection” is posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability’s website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the top panel “Latest News”, whose first hyperlink is to our webpage “Securing Legislative Oversight & Override of the 2nd & 3rd 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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