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RE: Protecting the Public Purse & Public Interest: Request That You Take Steps to Secure Governor Cuomo's Introduction of Legislation to Override the Commission on Judicial Compensation's Statutorily-Violative and Unconstitutional Judicial Pay Raise Recommendations

Dear Budget Director Megna,

This follows my phone call to your office on July 21st, identifying that I was the person who had risen from her seat to applaud and thank you, on behalf of the People of the State of New York, at the conclusion of your testimony at the Commission on Judicial Compensation July 20th hearing.

Yesterday, I again called your office and, again leaving a message of thanks for your July 20th testimony, stated that our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), had presented Governor Cuomo, Temporary Senate President Skelos, Assembly Speaker Silver, and Chief Judge Lippman with an Opposition Report in support of legislative override of the Commission's recommendations to raise judicial salaries 27% over the