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## **February 10, 2021 “Public Protection” Budget Hearing** **Oral Testimony – via zoom**

My name is Elena Sassower and I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization, Center for Judicial Accountability. Our website is [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org) – and from its prominent center panel entitled “Comparing NY’s Legislature Before and After Its Fraudulent Pay Raise”, you can find the EVIDENTIARY substantiation of this testimony.

As you know – because I’ve stated it repeatedly – our foremost “public protection” is the New York State Constitution, which, by its Article VII, lays out the manner in which the state budget is to be fashioned and enacted.

This year, as in past years, the budget is “OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS” – and I long ago and repeatedly furnished you with proof – and, in the absence of your response – sued you in two citizen-taxpayer actions – the second, encompassing the first, laying out the unconstitutionality of the Judiciary budget, the Legislative budget, the whole of the executive budget, and of the “force of law” commission scheme by which you gave pay raises to judges – and, as a consequence, to district attorneys -- *via* commission reports that are “false instruments”.

You had NO legitimate defense to either lawsuit and so your attorney – the New York State Attorney General – himself a defendant – corrupted the judicial process with litigation fraud and was rewarded with fraudulent judicial decisions. This also enabled you to utilize the same “force of law” scheme to procure committee-based pay raises for yourselves and for the attorney general, the comptroller, the governor, and the lieutenant governor – also by a report that is a “false instrument”.

The foregoing is the subject of 62 fully-documented grand jury/public corruption complaints against you that I filed with New York’s 62 district attorneys, including Washington County D.A. Jordan, who has just testified at this hearing.

In the event you are not knowledgeable of those 62 complaints – the most important being the complaint filed with Albany County D.A. Soares – all 62 are accessible from CJA’s webpage for my testimony and this “public protection” budget hearing. That is where you will also find other relevant complaints, such as against the first witness at this hearing, Chief Administrative Judge Marks and New York’s Court of Appeals judges who certified and approved the Judiciary’s slush-fund budget, filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct, whose administrator, Robert Tembeckjian, was your second witness.

I am available to meet with the legislators to discuss the foregoing, including as to the specifics relating to the FY2022 budget, and to testify, under oath.