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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.

Last year, I testified before you, repeating what I have stated and proven to you previously: that the New York state budget is “OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS”, stealing taxpayer money by a mountain of constitutional, statutory, and legislative rule violations. This specifically includes the legislative budget, which Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins is constitutionally-required to certify, but instead simply signs – and whose larcenies last year included pay raises for legislators that are the product of a “force of law” committee report that is a “false instrument”. Simultaneously, it included legislative stipends the report eliminated.

My final words were “These are penal law violations” – and those final words and an itemization of the substantiating EVIDENCE I handed up at last year’s local budget forum are featured in 62 fully-documented grand jury/public corruption complaints I filed with New York’s 62 district attorneys pertaining to the fiscal year 2021 budget. The complaint I filed with then Westchester D.A. Scarpino was against Westchester’s 14 state legislators. Last month I refiled it with newly-elected Westchester D.A. Rocah – and last week reinforced its urgency by notifying her that this year’s FY2022 budget repeats virtually ALL the violations that that complaint had identified pertaining to the current budget.

I am available to meet with you to discuss the foregoing, including as to the specifics relating to the FY2022 budget and to testify, under oath. Until then, your duty is to review the posted EVIDENCE, aggregated on CJA’s webpage for this testimony.