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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 2:20 PM
To: 'josalyn.williams@ncsl.org'
Subject: **The situation here in NYS, with respect to our NYS legislature is dire. Scholarship is so IMPERATIVELY needed -- & I've been trying to do my part**

TO: National Conference of State Legislatures:
Josalyn Williams/Policy Specialist – Legislative Compensation

Thank you, Josalyn, for the generous amount of time you gave to our call together. I will greatly look forward to reviewing the legislative salary information you send and, more importantly, the legislative compensation information. As discussed, the 2018 report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation, like the 2015 report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Compensation, like the 2011 report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation, ALL violated the statutes pursuant to which they purported to be rendered by NOT examining, at all, “compensation and non-salary benefits”, as they were required to do. The only thing they examined, and in the most superficial, sham fashion, was salary.

From CJA’s homepage, www.judgewatch.org, you can access a treasure trove of primary-source EVIDENCE of what has been going on regarding salary, divorced from compensation – the highlights of which I tried to summarize for you. Here’s the link from the homepage center panel entitled: **NY’s "Force of Law" Commissions -- Unconstitutionality & Fraud IN PLAIN SIGHT**. It brings up a menu of options – and you’ll want to examine, as a priority, the 2018 Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation – as its December 10, 2018 report is how NYS legislators were able to get a salary jump, on January 1, 2019, from \$79,500 to \$110,000. The direct link is [here](#). Your best start is watching the VIDEO of my testimony before the Committee on November 30, 2018. Here’s the EVIDENTIARY webpage for it. From there, you can jump to the July 15, 2019 analysis I did of the Committee’s December 10, 2018 report, which I furnished to the Legislature, Governor, Attorney General, accompanied by a NOTICE of their duty to take correction action. The EVIDENTIARY webpage for it is here.

After you have reviewed that – and are ready for the next chunk – let me know. If this is not the kind of research that you do, please forward it to those who do. The situation is DIRE and the need for EVIDENCE-based scholarship is IMPERATIVE.

Below is the message I sent, *via* NCSL’s messaging feature, earlier today:

“I am doing research on the NYS legislative budget. (1) How does its budget compare, in size, to the budgets of other state legislatures; and (2) how are its annual dues for its membership in NCSL calculated. I'd like the figures for the last 10 years. Also, I understand from news reporting that NYS legislators are the highest paid state legislators in the country. Is that correct? Thank you. 914-421-1200.”

I appreciate your help in obtaining the information sought by #1 and #2 that I discussed with you.

Thank you again.

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