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Denis M. Hughes, President, New York State AFL-CIO

RE: Request for a Meeting & Reconsideration by the New York State AFL-CIO of its Support for Judicial Pay Raises

Dear Mr. Hughes:

On July 20th, upon conclusion of your testimony before the Commission on Judicial Compensation in which you stated that the 2-1/2 million members of the New York State AFL-CIO support raising judicial salaries, I called out a question to you as to whether you had polled your members. That question – and your response – are set forth at page 6 of CJA's enclosed August 8th letter to the Commission, to which you are an indicated recipient for that reason. The substantiating exhibits to the letter, as likewise CJA's prior correspondence to the Commission and the evidentiary proof to which it refers, are posted on CJA's website, www.judgwatch.org, accessible via the top panel "Latest News".

Evident from your testimony is that it adopts the false and misleading claims of the judicial-legal establishment, uncritically circulated and reinforced by the media. I, therefore, respectfully request to meet with you and other leaders of the New York State AFL-CIO to discuss the true facts concerning the judicial pay raise issue, consistent with the interests of your 2-1/2 million members.

Please deem CJA's enclosed August 8th letter and our subsequent August 17th letter to "Advocates of Judicial Pay Raises" – of which you are one – in support of this request for a meeting and for reconsideration of the New York State AFL-CIO's position. That August 17th letter is attached to the e-mail transmitting this letter and also posted on our website.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA SASSOWER, Director

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cc: Commission on Judicial Compensation

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