

## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**Subject:** Request that CJA's Opposition Report & verified complaint be brought to the Senate floor for inspection by the Senators  
**Attachments:** 3-24-13-ltr-to-senators-with-questions-for-floor.pdf

TO: Senate Finance Chairman DeFrancisco & Ranking Member Krueger:

As stated in the below e-mail, sent to all Senators a short time ago,

**“Once again, we take the opportunity to request that Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman DeFrancisco – and Ranking Member Krueger – ensure that CJA’S Opposition Report & verified complaint, which I handed up at the February 6<sup>th</sup> budget hearing, are brought to the Senate floor for inspection by the Senators.”**

I, additionally, take this opportunity to also request that my own state senator – Senator George Latimer – bring to the floor of the Senate the copy of CJA’s Opposition Report & verified complaint that I furnished him at our meeting in his district office on March 8<sup>th</sup>, in support of CJA’s opposition testimony at the February 6<sup>th</sup> budget hearing – the video of which we watched together.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** "grand larceny of the public fisc" -- Why You Must Reject S2601 -- Judiciary Appropriations Bill

**WHY YOU MUST REJECT S.2601 – JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

**TO: ALL SENATORS**

Attached is a further copy of the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-entitled March 24<sup>th</sup> letter to you, mostly making typographical and grammatical changes. The only significant changes are to footnote 3, on page 10, and the wording of the second paragraph of that same page which now reads:

*"Any Senator who would be heard in support of the judicial salary increase must be required to respond to the particularized facts and law presented by CJA's Opposition Report and verified complaint based thereon, as they are devastating and dispositive. Indeed, it is each Senator's duty to personally review the Opposition Report and verified complaint so as to confirm for himself that funding the judicial salary increases recommended by the Commission on Judicial Compensation is 'nothing short of grand larceny of the public fisc'. This is how Ms. Sassower described it in a March 11, 2013 letter (at p. 3), summarizing and expanding upon her testimony at the February 6<sup>th</sup> hearing – a letter sent to every member of the General Budget Conference Committee and its Subcommittee on "Public Protection", Criminal Justice, and Judiciary on March 13<sup>th</sup>." (italics & underlining in letter).*

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Meantime, you can find them posted on our website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org). Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/legislative-oversight-judicial-raises.htm> – on which is also posted the video of my 10-minute February 6<sup>th</sup> testimony, which we also request that you watch.

Thank you.

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