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Subject: Assembly Ways & Means Democratic Majority: Verifying the Dispositive Nature of the February 6, 2013 Opposition Testimony to the Judicial Budget & Judicial Pay Raises

Forwarded herewith to Assembly Speaker Silver. See below e-mail.

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [<mailto:elena@judgewatch.org>]
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TO: Annie Kowalski, secretary: Office of Assemblyman Farrell

Following up our phone conversation a short time ago (518-455-5491)– and the phone messages I left minutes earlier with Tina Foust (assistant to Matt Howard) and on Michael Johnson’s voice mail (518-455-4041 AND 518-455-4319) – I have received no response to my below e-mail, sent on Wednesday, February 27th.

Please ask Assemblyman Farrell’s Chief of Staff – Marcia Coleman – to call me, as soon as possible, including with confirmation that Assemblyman Farrell has view the video of my testimony at the February 6th budget hearing on “Public Protection”, for which he was not present, and the date the Judiciary’s budget is scheduled to be discussed and voted upon by the members of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, which he chairs.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [<mailto:elena@judgewatch.org>]
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Subject: Verifying the Dispositive Nature of the February 6, 2013 Opposition Testimony to the Judicial Budget & Judicial Pay Raises

Dear Tina,

Following up my phone call to you today (518-455-4054), requesting to speak with Mr. Howard, Secretary to the Assembly Ways & Means Committee Democratic Majority, and my conversation with Pat (518-455-4319), requesting to speak with Mr. Johnson, its Counsel, here are the two most important questions I wish to discuss with them:

- (1) Who, on behalf of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee Democratic Majority is reviewing the documents I handed up and to which I referred at the February 6, 2013 budget hearing on “Public Protection” in support of my testimony in opposition to the Judiciary’s budget and, in particular to the judicial salary increases?;
- (2) When will the Assembly Ways & Means Committee Democratic Majority publicly release its findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to its review of those documents and my testimony?

The video of the February 6, 2013 hearing on “Public Protection” is posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability’s website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the top panel “Latest News”, whose first hyperlink is to our webpage “Securing Legislative Oversight & Override of the 2nd & 3rd Phases of the Judicial Pay Raises...”. The webpage also contains all the documents I handed up and referred-to during my testimony, as well as other substantiating materials. For your convenience, here’s the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/legislative-oversight-judicial-raises.htm> .

Please additionally advise as to how many counsel work for the Assembly Ways & Means Committee Democratic Majority, as well as the dollar appropriations it is seeking for fiscal year 2013-2014 to fund its operations. Certainly, too, if there is a dollar figure for the cost of its compiling the “Statistical and Narrative Summary of the Executive Budget” for fiscal year 2013-2014, that is the “Yellow Book”, I would appreciate that as well.

Thank you.

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