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Please forward this e-mail to whatever bar representatives will be testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee at its January 20<sup>th</sup> hearing to confirm the nomination of District Attorney DiFiore as Chief Judge.

Thank you.

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Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's letter of today's date requiring IMMEDIATE ATTENTION & LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT, particularly as it involves the January 20<sup>th</sup> Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing of Chief Judge Nominee Janet DiFiore, at which NO ONE OTHER THAN THE NOMINEE & THE BAR ASSOCIATIONS IS BEING PERMITTED TO TESTIFY – a fact deceptively not revealed by the Senate Judiciary Committee's public notice that "ORAL TESTIMONY IS BY INVITATION ONLY". Among those being denied the opportunity to testify, in addition to myself, are Jeffrey Deskovic, whose name and case are used as if he supports her nomination, when he does NOT, and Tatiana Neroni, Esq. Each have devastating things to say about how the nominee has conducted her office as Westchester County District Attorney, as may be seen from the Senate Judiciary Committee's pdf compilation of their requests to

testify: <u>http://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/john-j-bonacic/current-written-testimony-</u> submitted-court-appeals-nominee The attached letter is also posted, with all substantiating exhibits, on CJA's website, <u>www.judgewatch.org</u>, accessible *via* the prominent homepage link "NO PAY RAISES FOR NEW YORK's CORRUPT PUBLIC OFFICERS: The Money Belongs to their Victims!" The direct link to the webpage is here: <u>http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/2015/legislative-oversight.htm</u>. Additionally, the referred-to Assembly Bill #7997 is here: <u>http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default\_fld=&bn=A07997&term=&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Votes=Y &Memo=Y&Text=Y</u>

As requested by the letter, please forward & furnish to all members of the referred-to relevant oversight committees.

Thank you.

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