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Subject: Achieving our Shared Goal of an Accountable & Transparent State Budget Process & Budget -- Request for Your Amicus Curiae Participation & Other Assistance for Perfected Appeal -- Citizen-Taxpayer Action
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Dear Ethan,

Below is the e-mail that bounced back, as I had not put a hyphen between the two parts of your last name. Also, as discussed, the Citizens Union "Budget Reform" webpage: http://www.citizensunion.org/budget_reform needs updating. There's another webpage with Citizens Union's "Spending in the Shadows" reports – I can't find it right now -- but it does not include the one for this year, issued March 2018, for fiscal year 2018-2019, which I found by a "search".

Thank you.

Elena

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Following up my phone conversations and messages for you last week, requesting that, individually or collectively, your organizations file an *amicus curiae* brief in the perfected appeal of CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action pertaining to the state budget, attached is my letter to you of today's date, being mailed with our appellants' brief and three-volume reproduced record on appeal. The webpage on which the brief and three-volume record are posted is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/appeal/7-4-18-appellants-brief.htm>.

Kindly confirm that my letter will be promptly furnished to all those responsible for making *amicus curiae* decisions at your organizations – and the time frame within which I can expect a response, hopefully, positive and enthusiastic.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
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