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TO:

New York State Assembly

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FROM:

Elena Ruth Sassower, Director

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE:

FOIL/Records Request: Monetary allocations to committee chairs and ranking

members for "staff personnel" pursuant to Assembly Rule V, §9

Assembly Rule V, §9, entitled "Staff, materials and other perquisites", reads:

"Each member of the House shall be entitled to an equal allocation of printed newsletters and other printed materials and postage therefor, and stationery and other similar perquisites, and each member shall receive an equal allowance for staff personnel, except that the allocation of stationery and other similar perquisites and the allowance for staff personnel may be greater for members in majority and minority leadership positions, committee, subcommittee and task force chairpersons and ranking minority members of committees, subcommittees and task forces. Such greater allotment or staff shall be commensurate with the additional duties assigned to such member." (underlining added).

Pursuant to Assembly Rule VIII ["Public Access to Records"], request is made for records reflecting:

- (1) the monetary allocation constituting the "equal allowance for staff personnel" <u>currently</u> budgeted for "each member";
- (2) the "greater" monetary allocations for "staff personnel" <u>currently</u> budgeted for the chairs and ranking members of the following committees "commensurate with the additional duties assigned to such member":

Assembly Ways and Means Committee

Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations

Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation

Assembly Judiciary Committee

Assembly Codes Committee

Assembly Committee on Local Governments

Assembly Committee on Ethics and Guidance

Additionally, and assuming Assembly Rule V, §9 to have been identical for each of the past three years, request is made for the same records for 2014, 2015, and 2016 as hereinabove requested for the current year.

Kindly respond to the request pertaining to this year as soon as possible – and without delaying it to your response pertaining to the past three years.

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Thank you.

cc:

Assembly Office of Ethics and Compliance Jane Feldman, Executive Director