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TO: Senate Records Access Officer Secretary of the Senate Francis Patience
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: FOIL/RECORDS REQUEST: The “numerous bicameral commissions” whose “leaders” have been receiving “allowances” from 2012 to the present

According to the May 15, 2017 Democratic Conference/Counsel Office memo, “Illegality of Allowances to Legislators Not Holding the Stated Positions”, the three words “directly connected therewith”, appearing in Article III, §6 of the New York State Constitution and in Legislative Law §5-A are what entitles “numerous bicameral commissions” to “allowances” (at p. 2).

Pursuant to Senate Rule XV “Freedom of Information”, Assembly Rule VIII “Public Access to Records”, and Public Officers Law, Article VI (FOIL), request is made for records reflecting:

- (1) the identities of the “numerous bicameral commissions” whose “leaders”, since 2012, have received such “allowances”;
- (2) the identities of the “leaders” of these “bicameral commissions”, from 2012 to the present – and the amounts they received;
- (3) the identities of the Senate and Assembly members of these “bicameral commissions”, from 2012 to the present – and who appointed them, *to wit*, the Temporary Senate President, the Assembly Speaker, the Senate Minority Leader, or the Assembly Minority Leader.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89.3, your response/acknowledgment is required “within five business days” of your receipt of this request. I would appreciate if you e-mailed it to me at elena@judgewatch.org.

Thank you.

