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Judicial corruption involving the NYS Attorney General -- & the budget bills for fiscal

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Attachments:

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TO:

Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Brad Hoylman, Esq.

Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Thomas O'Mara, Esq.

TO:

Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq.

Assembly Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Anthony Palumbo, Esq.

This follows my phone calls to your office and conversations with your staff earlier today pertaining to my below February 28, 2019 e-mail to you, entitled "AGENDA: Judiciary budget & budget of the Commission on Judicial Conduct for Fiscal Year 2019-2020", to which I received no response.

Please advise what investigation you undertook to verify the accuracy of my above-attached February 19, 2018 written testimony, including the answers to the two sets of questions it appended pertaining to the Judiciary and Legislative budgets for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Suffice to say, the corruption and larceny of taxpayer monies therein summarized and particularized has ALL continued, unabated – indeed, has only worsened. This includes as to the Judiciary and Legislative budgets for fiscal year 2020-2021 and the Governor's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.7501/A.9501.

By the way, what are the dates of the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committee meetings at which you and Committee members will be examining, discussing, and amending the Judiciary portion of Budget Bill #S.7501/A.9501? How about the State Operations Budget Bill #S.7500/A.9500 pertaining to the Attorney General and the Commission on Judicial Conduct?

Thank you.

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This is to request that you place the Judiciary's budget and the budget of the Commission on Judicial Conduct for fiscal year 2019-2020 – both within the jurisdiction of your Committees – on the agendas of your <u>next</u> committee meetings for ALL the reasons set forth by the Center for Judicial Accountability's attached February 19, 2019 written testimony, submitted to the Senate Finance Committee and Assembly Ways and Means Committee. This includes for review of the list of 41 "QUESTIONS FOR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE LAWRENCE MARKS" that the testimony appends, so that each Judiciary Committee may separately decide, by a vote of its members, whether there is any "QUESTION" that the public is not entitled to have answered by the Chief Administrative Judge – and sent to him for response.

Should the February 19, 2019 written testimony and its "QUESTIONS" <u>not</u> be placed on the agendas of your Committees' <u>next</u> meetings, I request that members publicly raise the issue at those meetings – and take such other appropriate steps as themselves forwarding the testimony and "QUESTIONS" to Chief Administrative Judge Marks for response.

For your convenience, CJA's webpage on which the February 19, 2019 written testimony is posted, with links to the substantiating EVIDENTIARY PROOF, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2019-legislative/feb-19-2019-written-testimony.htm.

Finally, I take this opportunity to inquire whether ANY of the 15 members of the Senate Judiciary Committee or the 21 members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee have ever themselves filed a complaint of judicial misconduct with the Commission on Judicial Conduct – or filed a complaint of attorney misconduct with any of the court-controlled attorney grievance committees. If not, on what EVIDENTIARY basis does any Committee member, all but two of whom are lawyers, purport that these entities are properly functioning?

I am available to assist you, to the max, in discharging the constitutional responsibilities you owe to the People of the State of New York to ensure the integrity of the judicial branch and protect their tax dollars. I would be pleased to speak with you, directly, either by phone or in person – and to be invited to make an EVIDENTIARY presentation before the Committees, under oath.

Thank you.

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