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Subject: Thank you -- RE: Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Public Protection
Attachments: 2-4-20-email-to-fiscal-committees.pdf; 1-30-20-email-to-judiciary-committees.pdf

TO: **Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger**
Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member James Seward
Assembly Ways & Means Committee Chair Helene Weinstein, Esq.
Assembly Ways & Means Committee Ranking Member Edward Ra, Esq.
[Former Assembly Ways & Means Committee Ranking Member/Now Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay, Esq.]

I have received no response to my above-attached February 4, 2020 e-mail pertaining to the status of your investigation of my February 19, 2019 written testimony, with its two sets of questions for Chief Administrative Judge Marks and for Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2019-legislative/feb-19-2019-written-testimony.htm>, and inquiring whether you had distributed it to the members of the Finance Committee. Likewise, I have received no response to my above-attached January 30, 2020 e-mail to the chairs and ranking members of the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees. Consequently, I have decided not to burden myself with the effort and expense of travelling to Albany on Wednesday to testify for five minutes – at the end of the hearing, with virtually no one present – as to budgets that are even more unconstitutional, unlawful, and larcenous this year because of your willful nonfeasance with respect to what I furnished last year.

Tomorrow, I will e-mail you two sets of questions – similar to those from last year, but tailored to this year. This, so that you can properly interrogate Chief Administrative Judge Marks, presumably your first witness at Wednesday's hearing, testifying about the Judiciary's budget, as well as Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie, who should also be testifying at Wednesday's hearing, about the Legislature's budget.

Next week, I will timely submit a written statement, furnishing an update to my last year's statement.

Thank you.

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From: Finance Chair <FinanceChair@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 2:31 PM
To: elena@judgewatch.org
Subject: Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Public Protection

We are pleased to advise that you have been chosen to be a witness for the Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Public Protection, which will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 beginning at 9:30 am.

It is difficult to ascertain a precise time when you will be speaking but it is safe to say that it will be sometime after 12:00 pm.

REMINDER:

- Witnesses scheduled by the committees to testify in person are required to send a copy of their prepared testimony **via email at least 48 hours in advance** of the hearing to both financechair@nysenate.gov and to wamchair@nyassembly.gov, and **must** provide **50 copies** of their testimony on the day of the hearing. Please indicate in the subject field of the email which hearing your testimony relates to. **Witnesses may not be permitted to testify if the above time frames are not adhered to.**
- ***Witnesses Have Only 5 Minutes Total Speaking Time.*** Legislators will have your written testimony in advance, so witnesses are ***strongly urged*** not to read their written testimony when testifying. *Instead, the presentation of a summary of your written testimony would be the best and most efficient use of your time.*