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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewidth.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:26 PM  
**To:** 'mcquairi@nyassembly.gov'; 'MontesanoM@nyassembly.gov'  
**Cc:** 'Alyssa McCoy'; 'LavineC@nyassembly.gov'  
**Subject:** Assembly Judiciary Committee: Request for Ranking Member Montesano's participation at a ZOOM meeting with Chair Lavine on May 25th, at noon: CJA's Feb. 10, 2021 testimony at the Legislature's "public protection" budget hearing  
**Attachments:** feb-10-21-oral-testimony.pdf

**TO: Ida McQuair/Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Michael Montesano, Ranking Member – Assembly Judiciary Committee**

This follows the voice mail message I left at the Assemblyman's Albany Office (518-455-4684) at 3:30 p.m. and my call, immediately thereafter, to the district office (516-937-3571) and conversation with Legislative Assistant Nancy Moccia.

Below is my May 13<sup>th</sup> e-mail to Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Lavine – with a copy to Ranking Member Montesano – requesting a ZOOM meeting to discuss my February 10, 2021 testimony at the Legislature's "public protection" budget hearing.

Chair Lavine's response, *via* his scheduler, is also below. He would be available for a ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Is that convenient for Ranking Member Montesano – and, if not, what alternative date and time would he propose?

Please advise.

Thank you.

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**From:** Alyssa McCoy <mccoys@nyassembly.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 9:31 AM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewidth.org>

**Subject: Re: wonderful, thank you! -- RE: Request for a ZOOM meeting to discuss CJA's Feb. 10, 2021 testimony at the Legislature's "public protection" budget hearing**

Hello,

You can reach out to Assemblyman Montesano and invite him to the meeting if you would like. Then when you send the zoom invite you can include him as well if he will be joining.

Have a good day!

Sent from my iPad

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On May 17, 2021, at 4:15 PM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)> wrote:

Dear Alyssa,

Thank you for your e-mail – and thank Chair Lavine. What about Ranking Member Montesano? Will he be joining us?

As the issues are completely non-partisan and EVIDENTIARY, I believe it would be more efficient – and productive – for the meeting to include Ranking Member Montesano.

Please advise, so that I may know if I must reach out to Ranking Member Montesano, separately, for a meeting.

Again, thank you.

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**From:** Alyssa McCoy <[mccoya@nyassembly.gov](mailto:mccoya@nyassembly.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 12:49 PM

**To:** [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)

**Subject: Re: Request for a ZOOM meeting to discuss CJA's Feb. 10, 2021 testimony at the Legislature's "public protection" budget hearing**

Hello,

I can help you set up a zoom meeting with Assemblyman Lavine. There is availability on Tuesday, May 25th, at 12:00pm. If that works for you please forward a zoom link and I will add it to the schedule.

Thank you.

Alyssa McCoy

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**From:** "Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)" <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>

**To:** "Charles Lavine" <[lavinec@nyassembly.gov](mailto:lavinec@nyassembly.gov)>

**Cc:** "montesanom" <[montesanom@nyassembly.gov](mailto:montesanom@nyassembly.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 3:10:07 PM

**Subject:** Request for a ZOOM meeting to discuss CJA's Feb. 10, 2021 testimony at the Legislature's "public protection" budget hearing

**TO: Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Charles Lavine, ESQ.**

This follows up my phone conversation yesterday with your scheduler, Alissa – and the phone conversation I had had on February 9, 2021 with your chief of staff, Janna Davis.

I believe you were present for my testimony at the Legislature's February 10, 2021 "public protection" budget hearing, held *via* ZOOM. Kindly confirm that this is the case – and advise as to what steps you took to verify the truth of my testimony and to alert the members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee to same. The VIDEO of the February 10, 2021 hearing, the written testimony I was required to submit in advance, and my written oral testimony that I read at the hearing are ALL posted on CJA's website, with the EVIDENCE to which my testimony referred, here: <http://www.judgwatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2021-legislative-session/feb-10-2021-budget-hearing.htm>.

If you were not present for my February 10, 2021 testimony or notified of its serious, substantial, and FULLY-DOCUMENTED nature, please also so-advise.

In any event, I request to meet with you – and Ranking Member Montesano – *via* ZOOM, to discuss my testimony and what has transpired in the three months since – and am copying Ranking Member Montesano on this e-mail for that purpose.

Below is my February 12, 2021 e-mail to Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair Weinstein and Senate Finance Committee Chair Krueger, requesting that my above-attached written oral testimony be made available for review by the legislators.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgwatch.org](mailto:elena@judgwatch.org)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 10:31 AM

**To:** 'financechair@nysenate.gov' <[financechair@nysenate.gov](mailto:financechair@nysenate.gov)>;  
'wamchair@nyassembly.gov' <[wamchair@nyassembly.gov](mailto:wamchair@nyassembly.gov)>

**Subject: (written) ORAL Testimony at February 10, 2021 "Public Protection" Budget Hearing**

Just after I completed my testimony as the last witness at Wednesday's "public protection" budget hearing, Finance Chair Krueger announced that further testimony could be submitted – and that "it will go up on line and we can review it in the context of all our work on the budget".

In that connection, attached is the written testimony I read at the hearing – different from the statement I was required to submit in advance, which you have posted. I would appreciate if you would put this written testimony "on line", as well, so that it can be reviewed by the legislators.

Thank you.

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