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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
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**Subject:** Follow-Up: Your just published column -- "Cuomo Temper: Tactical Or Beyond His Control?"

TO: Editor Richard Steier/The Chief

A propos of your today's column "*Cuomo Temper: Tactical Or Beyond His Control?*":  
[http://thechiefleader.com/opinion/columns/razzle\\_dazzle/cuomo-temper-tactical-or-beyond-his-control/article\\_562357c8-56f7-11e9-93b6-1b42207d5aa0.html](http://thechiefleader.com/opinion/columns/razzle_dazzle/cuomo-temper-tactical-or-beyond-his-control/article_562357c8-56f7-11e9-93b6-1b42207d5aa0.html), which opens:

"And on April 1, having beaten back all the fools who questioned his authority to bestride the state like a colossus, his sovereignty over its budget, his ethical compass and his judgment, Governor Cuomo rested.

He did so having secured his priorities under the \$175-billion spending plan, and after state legislators approved an increase in his salary of nearly 40 percent that will boost it from \$179,000 to \$250,000 by 2021, making him the highest-paid Governor in the nation. Not incidentally, he headed off or Tasered some potential incursions upon his ability to control state government and exert his power to the fullest."

It appears you are unaware of the citizen-taxpayer action, NOW at the New York Court of Appeals, suing the Governor for his corruption with respect to the budget – and challenging the commission/committee scheme that has led to his pay boost. I testified about the lawsuit on November 30, 2018 before the Compensation Committee whose fraudulent December 10, 2018 report recommended the 40% increase. The video of my explosive testimony is posted on a webpage from which all substantiating evidence is accessible, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/hhh-compensation-committee/cja-testimony-11-30-18.htm>.

The citizen-taxpayer action, which our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) has brought on behalf of the People of the State of New York and the Public Interest, is the FIRST ever to challenge "three-men-in-a-room" budget deal-making. My March 26, 2019 letter to the Court of Appeals, in support of our appeal of right, annexes the "three-men-in-a-room" cause of action as Exhibit B. The webpage for the letter is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/ct-appeals/3-26-19-ltr.htm>.

I would be delighted if The Chief would be the FIRST to report on this – including because your address, 277 Broadway, is one so very dear to my heart – having been, more than fifty years ago, where my parents had their law offices, on the mezzanine floor overlooking City Hall -- Sassower & Sassower.

Thank you.

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