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TO: League of Women Voters of the State of New York
Betsey B. Swan, President
Citizens Union of the City of New York
Peter J. W. Sherwin, Chair/Board of Directors
Dick Dadey, Executive Director

FROM: Elena Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: Request for a Meeting & Withdrawal of Support for Judicial Pay Raises

At the Commission on Judicial Compensation's August 8, 2011 meeting, Commissioner Robert Fiske, Jr. identified your organizations as among those that had "made a compelling case for an immediate increase in the range of the four alternatives that were set forth by Administrative Judge Ann Pfau in the OCA submission."

Having reviewed your presentations – a one-page July 19, 2011 letter signed by League of Women Voters' President Swan and a one-page July 19, 2011 written "Testimony" from the Citizens Union, unsigned but printed on stationary bearing the names of Chairman Sherwin and Executive Director Dadey – it is clear that your inclusion as among those that had "made a compelling case" was not because you had offered substantive content, but to lend an aura of popular support and good-government reform for hiking of judicial salaries.

Attached is CJA's August 17, 2011 letter to "Advocates of Judicial Pay Raises", inviting your response. More, however, is needed, as its content requires your organizations to withdraw their support for the Commission and any recommended pay raises. We, therefore, request that you withdraw your support. To facilitate reconsideration, we also request to meet with you so that we may make a personal presentation and answer your questions.

For your convenience, all CJA's correspondence with the Commission and substantiating documents are posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, most conveniently accessible via the top panel "Latest News".

Thank you.



Enclosure

cc: Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director/League of Women Voters
Barbara Bartoletti, Legislative Director/League of Women Voters
Henry Stern, Former Citizens Union President

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