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TO: <u>Eileen Collins/Legislative Director to Assemblyman Joseph Errigo – Ranking Member, Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation</u>

I have just spoken with Regional Director Spencer Bernard, in your district office about the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation – to which Assemblyman Errigo has been appointed as ranking member. Assemblyman Titone chairs that important committee – and my self-explanatory e-mail to his chief of staff – relevant to your duties as legislative director to Assemblyman Errigo – is below.

Please call me at your earliest convenience so that we can discuss, <u>directly</u>, the Committee's urgently-needed oversight, analysis, and investigation of the legislative, judiciary, and executive budgets – <u>reinforced by the Governor's submission yesterday of his budget bills for fiscal year 2017-2018.</u>

Thank you.

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<u>Chris Bauer, Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Matthew Titone – Chair, Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation – & member, Assembly Judiciary Committee</u>

Following up our phone conversation a short time ago, this is to reiterate my request for oversight, analysis, & investigation of the legislative, judiciary, and executive budgets by the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation – chaired by Assemblyman Titone. The link to the Center for Judicial Accountability's citizen-taxpayer actions, laying out the particulars as to what's been going on with respect to these budgets – and which you briefly examined while we spoke – is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-

<u>reform.htm</u>. I <u>expressly</u> request that Assemblyman Titone <u>personally</u> review the verified complaints – and the record of their odyssey in New York's courts.

There is no reason why this fiscal year need repeat the constitutional, statutory, and rule violations of prior fiscal years – and the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation can and must take a leadership role in making the difference.

As Assemblyman Titone is a member of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, I have no objection to his coordinating with the Judiciary Committee so that it assumes the responsibility of oversight, analysis and investigation of the Judiciary budget. The Assembly Judiciary Committee has long been "missing-in-action" with respect to ANY genuine oversight over the Judiciary budget, as well as such other "public protection" components within its purview as the Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Attorney General's office.

Thank you.

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