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Subject: Senate Finance Committee Minority: Verifying the Dispositive Nature of the February 6, 2013 Opposition Testimony to the Judiciary Budget & Judicial Pay Raises

TO: Joseph Pennisi, Secretary to the Senate Finance Committee's Democratic Minority
Laura Wood, Counsel to the Democratic Conference

This follows up my phone messages a short while ago, left with Kit Flood, assistant to Mr. Pennisi (518-455-2641), and with Carol Stockman, assistant to counsel's office (518-455-2711), requesting to speak with each of you and identifying that I have received no response to my below e-mail, sent on Wednesday, February 27th. Ms. Flood confirmed, absolutely, that she had forwarded the e-mail to you.

In addition to the questions therein set forth, for which I request your immediate response, please advise, immediately, as to the date(s) the Judiciary's budget is scheduled to be discussed and voted upon by the members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Thank you.

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Dear Kit,

Following up my phone call a short time ago (518-455-2641), requesting to speak with Mr. Pennisi, Secretary to the Senate Finance Committee's Democratic Minority, and Ms. Wood, Counsel to the Democratic Conference, here are the two most important questions I wish to discuss with them:

- (1) Who, on behalf of the Senate Finance Committee Democratic Minority and the Senate Democratic Conference, is reviewing the documents I handed up and to which I referred at the February 6, 2013 budget hearing on "Public Protection" in support of my testimony in opposition to the Judiciary's budget and, in particular to the judicial salary increases?;

- (2) When will the Senate Finance Committee Democratic Minority and the Senate Democratic Conference publicly release their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to their review of those documents and my testimony?

The video of the February 6, 2013 hearing on “Public Protection” is posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability’s website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the top panel “Latest News”, whose first hyperlink is to our webpage “Securing Legislative Oversight & Override of the 2nd & 3rd Phases of the Judicial Pay Raises...”. The webpage also contains all the documents I handed up and referred-to during my testimony, as well as other substantiating materials. For your convenience, here’s the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/legislative-oversight-judicial-raises.htm> .

Please additionally advise as to how many counsel work for the Senate Finance Committee Democratic Minority and the Senate Democratic Conference, as well as the dollar appropriations which the Senate Finance Committee Democratic Minority and Senate Democratic Conference are seeking for fiscal year 2013-2014 to fund their operations. Certainly, too, if there is a dollar figure for the cost of their compiling the “Staff Analysis of the 2013-2014 Executive Budget” that is the “Blue Book”, I would appreciate that, as well.

Thank you.

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2013 budget hearing on “Public Protection” in support of my testimony in opposition to the Judiciary’s budget and, in particular to the judicial salary increases?;

- (2) When will the Senate Finance Committee Majority Coalition and Senate Republican Conference publicly release their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to their review of those documents and my testimony?

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Please additionally advise as to how many counsel work for the Senate Finance Committee Majority Coalition and Senate Republican Conference, as well as the dollar appropriations which the Senate Finance Committee Majority Coalition and Senate Republican Conference are seeking for fiscal year 2013-2014 to fund their operations. Certainly, too, if there is a dollar figure for the cost of their work preparing the “Counsel Staff Analysis of the 2013-2014 Executive Budget”, that is the “White Book”, I would appreciate that, as well.

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