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### TO: Capitol Press Room – NYS Legislative Correspondents Association

Following up the e-mails I sent you on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, about NY's *not-yet operational* and *publicly-inaccessible* Judicial Compensation Commission, Jennifer Golson of Thomson Reuters reported, on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, that "a coalition of more than 1,100 New York judges has asked the Commission for a 41-percent pay hike", which will cost taxpayers \$78 million, plus retroactive pay.

In the event you have not seen her June 16<sup>th</sup> article – and I have not found any reporting by you on either the Judicial Compensation Commission or the pay raise issue since my June 13<sup>th</sup> e-mails – it is attached, for your convenience.

In response to this 1,100-plus judge coalition, I take the opportunity to announce that the Center for Judicial Accountability will be building a People's Taxpayer Coalition opposing ANY pay raise for the reasons set forth in our May 23<sup>rd</sup> letter to the Governor, Legislative Leaders, and Chief Judge, among others. Our website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), has a newly-created webpage devoted to the issue, accessible via "Latest News" – <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm> . My unresponded-to June 13<sup>th</sup> e-mails to you are there posted

Please balance your future reporting of the 1,100-plus judge coalition and the Judicial Compensation Commission with report of CJA's People's Coalition and May 23<sup>rd</sup> letter, a further copy of which I annex. I am available for interviews – and can best be reached at 718-708-5303 (landline); 646-220-7987 (cell); and, of course, by e-mail: [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org).

Thank you.

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