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**Subject:** Assembly Ways & Means Republican Minority: Verifying the Dispositive Nature of the February 6, 2013 Opposition Testimony to the Judiciary Budget & Judicial Pay Raises

### ATT: Laurie Levine, Administrative Assistant: Office of Assemblyman Oaks

Following up our phone conversation a short time ago (518-455-5655) – and my phone conversation minutes earlier with Ashley at the Assembly Ways & Means Minority office, requesting to speak with Rebecca Dagati, John Mertz, and Heather Sousa – I have received no response to my below e-mail, sent on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

As Assemblyman Oaks is Ranking Member of the Assembly Ways & Means Minority – and was present for my testimony at the February 6<sup>th</sup> budget hearing on “Public Protection” – please have someone in authority in the Assemblyman’s office get back to me, as soon as possible – including with the date the Judiciary’s budget is scheduled to be discussed and voted upon by the Assembly Ways & Means Committee.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [<mailto:elena@judgewidth.org>]  
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TO: Rebecca Dagati, Director of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee Republican Minority  
John Mertz, Counsel to Assembly Ways & Means Committee Republican Minority

Following up the phone message I left with Ashley earlier today (518-455-5161; 455-4131), requesting to speak with you, here are the two most important questions I wish to discuss:

- (1) Who, on behalf of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee Republican Minority 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 Assembly Ways & Means Committee Republican Minority publicly release its findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to its 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](http://www.judgewatch.org), accessible *via* the top panel “Latest News”, whose first hyperlink is to our webpage “Securing Legislative Oversight & Override of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Assembly Ways & Means Committee Republican Minority, as well as the dollar appropriations it is seeking for fiscal year 2013-2014 to fund its operations. Certainly, too, if there is a dollar figure for the cost of its compiling the “Green Book” for fiscal year 2013-2014, I would also appreciate that. In that connection, please advise why the “Green Book” is not available in electronic form, posted on a website – and identify to whom the “Green Book” is distributed.

Thank you.

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