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**Subject:** "grand larceny of the public fisc" -- Why You Must Reject A.3001 -- Judiciary Appropriations Bill

**Attachments:** 3-26-13-ltr-to-assembly-members-with-questions-floor.pdf

### **WHY YOU MUST REJECT A.3001 – JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

#### **TO: ALL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS**

The attached supersedes the above-entitled letter sent to most Assembly members earlier this morning – and now sent to all members. It materially changes the second paragraph on page 10, which now reads:

“Any Assembly member who would be heard in support of the judicial salary increase must be required to respond to the particularized facts and law presented by CJA’s Opposition Report and verified complaint based thereon, as they are devastating and dispositive. Indeed, it is each member’s duty to personally review the Opposition Report and verified complaint so as to confirm for himself that funding the judicial salary increases recommended by the Commission on Judicial Compensation is ‘nothing short of grand larceny of the public fisc’. This is how Ms. Sassower described it in a March 11, 2013 letter (at p. 3), summarizing and expanding upon her testimony at the February 6<sup>th</sup> hearing – a letter

sent to every member of the General Budget Conference Committee and its Subcommittee on “Public Protection”, Criminal Justice, and Judiciary on March 13<sup>th</sup>.” (italics & underlining in letter).

**We take this opportunity to request that Assembly Ways & Means Chairman Farrell – and Ranking Member Oaks – ensure that CJA’S Opposition Report & verified complaint, which I handed up at the February 6<sup>th</sup> budget hearing, are brought to the Assembly floor for inspection by Assembly members.**

Meantime, you can find them posted on CJA’s website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org). Here’s the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/legislative-oversight-judicial-raises.htm> – on which is also posted the video of my 10-minute February 6<sup>th</sup> testimony, which we also request that you watch.

Thank you.

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