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TO: Assemblywoman Pat Fahy
Chief of Staff Catherine Fahey
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This follows up my phone calls to your office about an hour ago – occasioned by Nick Reisman’s VIDEO and article, featuring Assemblywoman Fahy, stating that an on-time budget is “how we show we’re high functioning”, [“New York State Budget: 5 Issues Holding Up a Deal”](#).

It is shocking enough for Assemblywoman Fahy to claim that the Legislature is “functioning”, but to claim that it is “high functioning” – and that a timely budget exemplifies this – is UTTERLY INDEFENSIBLE.

Has Assemblywoman Fahy NEVER read Article VII, Sections 1-7 of the New York State Constitution? One has only to read it to know that the budget is COMPLETELY OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS – including as to time parameters of its adoption. And detailing the flagrant unconstitutionality of the state budget – as well as its fraud and larceny of taxpayer monies -- is CJA’s citizen-taxpayer actions – to which Assemblywoman Fahy is a defendant, along with her Assembly and Senate colleagues. Indeed, CJA’s citizen-taxpayer actions chronicle that the budget is only one of a myriad of respects in which the Legislature has fallen below ANY constitutional level of functioning.

Is Assemblywoman Fahey unaware of CJA’s citizen-taxpayer actions – and of my testimony about them at last year’s January 30, 2017 and January 31, 2017 budget hearings – and at this year’s January 30, 2018 and February 5, 2018 budget hearings? The VIDEOS are accessible from CJA’s website, www.judgewatch.org – and are an excellent “starting point” for the Assemblywoman. Here’s the webpage from which they are ALL accessible, as likewise the substantiating EVIDENCE, including the citizen-taxpayer actions: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm>.

Will be in touch, next week.

Meantime, happy holidays.

Thank you.

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