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Subject: UPDATE & GOOD NEWS -- NOTICE of Your Duty to Void the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative & Executive Compensation that Boosted Salaries -- & Preserved Stipends
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TO: Eamon Weber/Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, Esq. – Ranking Member of the Assembly Codes Committee

Just to let you know that the letter to the Governor that I expected to be sending out today will, most probably, be sent tomorrow or, at latest, Monday– at which time I will furnish cc's to the legislative leaders with preserved stipends – Assembly Codes Committee Ranking Member Morinello among them.

And, good news – I found the memorable remarks about the budget that Assemblyman Morinello made, on the floor of the Assembly – to which I referred, in our phone conversation yesterday. They were from 2018, not, as I believed, 2017. His words, in pertinent part, were as follows:

"... And what I find troubling about the process in my short tenure here, when I thought about budgets throughout my life, and my accounting courses, and my legal career, I looked at numbers, I looked at balance sheets, I looked at revenues, recurring revenues, and expenses. And what appears to happen here is they throw in policy with the economic issues that deter us from really addressing the economic issues. And sometimes I believe we do miss the point on some of the policies because we're on a deadline with the April 1st, trying to accomplish the deadline, and we miss the point on some of the more serious items that we do have to discuss... There are many, many items that we should talk about as we go through this so we don't miss the point of what we are trying to accomplish. And unfortunately because of the disconnect between economics and policy, which I don't believe should be in a budget, nor good standard accounting principles will tell you they should, I will vote in the negative, though I do commend the chairwoman because I think it is a fine budget, I think the dollars are there, and I think the issues are being addressed..." March 14, 2018: http://nystateassembly.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=4573 – at 3 hrs, 31 mins.

Presumably, Assemblyman Morinello's commendation of Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair Weinstein was without knowledge of the *CJA v. Cuomo...DiFiore* citizen-taxpayer action and of my testimony before her pertaining to the 2018-2019 budget at the January 30, 2018 "public protection" budget

hearing: <file:///C:/Users/DELL/Documents/My%20Web%20Sites/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/jan-30-2018-hearing.htm> and at the February 5, 2018 "local government officials/general government" budget hearing: <file:///C:/Users/DELL/Documents/My%20Web%20Sites/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/feb-5-2018-hearing.htm> -- completely ignored by her.

Thank you.

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