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**Subject:** The Legislature's OWN Budget & 38 Questions for Stewart-Cousins & Heastie about it & about Gov Hochul's Legislative/Judiciary Appropriation Bill #S.4001/A.3001 expanding it -- ETC.

**Attachments:** [cja-feb-15-23-written-testimony-general-govt-budget-hearing.pdf](#)

**TO: New York Post**

Has the Post examined, at all, the Legislature's OWN budget – the necessity of which I alerted your reporter Zach Williams to three weeks ago and yesterday in e-mails sent to the roster of the [Legislative Correspondents Association](#).

To assist you in informing New York taxpayers about the “\$273,921,877” legislative budget they will be paying for – as to which there has been NO legislative budget hearing – above-attached is my February 15<sup>th</sup> written testimony exclusively on that subject, setting forth 38 questions to be asked of Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie about the [Legislature's budget](#) and Governor Hochul's expansion of it in [Legislative/Judiciary Appropriation Bill #S.4001/A.3001](#).

This written testimony, timely-submitted for the Legislature's February 15<sup>th</sup> budget hearing on “local government officials/general government”, was not posted on the Senate and Assembly webpages for the hearing, [here](#) and [here](#), until after my [February 22<sup>nd</sup> e-mail to Senate Finance Committee Chair Krueger and Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair Weinstein](#) about its non-posting. I have yet to receive any response to the e-mail's inquiry as to whether the testimony was distributed to ALL Senate and Assembly members for their review – and to which staff.

I am available to answer your questions – and to give you the lead on further developments in this important story, to be embodied in a third press alert following Governor Hochul's 30-day amendments, due this Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you.

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