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Dear Members,

As I waited for my chance to testify before the State Budget Committee for the third consecutive year, I once again sat through the Chief Administrative Judge's testimony while presenting OCA's budget. I am happy to report that our message is being received. During Judge Marks' comments and questioning 22 of the 26 present Committee members pressed him regarding the disturbing trend of increasing funds to programs such as the improper allocation initiative known as Civil Legal Services. It continued with serious questions from both sides of the aisle as to the Commission on Judicial Compensation and their expectations while our system implodes due to severe staffing shortages and lack of fair compensation for a five year period. I am proud to have spoken on behalf of all Court Officers each year and our voice is being heard, however, I urge you to contact your local Assemblymember and Senator and express your concerns with these issues to them first hand. There is strength in numbers and this call to action can increase the power with which our voice can be heard to make this system operate the way it is supposed to. The State budget process continues through March, but I request that you call these lawmakers today and every day in order to help them realize just how much they can help us. Phone numbers of all legislators can be found at nysenate.gov and assembly.state.ny.us. A list of some other legislators you can call is below.

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie: 518 455-4800

Senate Leader John Flanagan: 518 455-2071

Judiciary Committee Chair Senator John Bonacic: 518 455-3181

Budget Chair Senator Catharine Young: 518 455-3563

Senator Diane Savino: 518 455-2437

Senator Jeff Klein 518 455-3595

Senator Martin Golden 518 455-2730

Assemblyman Peter Abbate 518 455-3053

Assemblyman Mike Cusick 518 455-5526

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Let's Keep Fighting


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