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Dear Senators:

Please find attached the "Staff Analysis of the FY 2017 Executive Budget." It is intended to assist the members of the Finance Committee and the Senate as a whole, in their deliberations. We hope that our readers find it useful.

This analysis of the Executive Budget begins with a summary of the spending plan. It then examines an explanation of proposed changes that affect receipts and provides for Senate Issues in Focus. Finally, it provides a summary of the Executive's Article VII language bills submitted as part of the Executive Budget. The report provides an analysis of the appropriations recommended this year and an analysis of the Governor's recommendations.

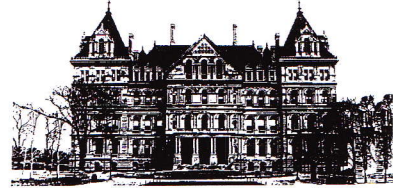
Each member of the Senate Finance Committee devotes considerable time and effort to the passage of a budget that serves the interest of every New Yorker. I am most grateful for their cooperation. It also is a pleasure to thank the staffs of both the Senate Finance Committee, and the Counsel and Program Office, whose assistance has been invaluable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cathy", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

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STAFF ANALYSIS OF THE FY 2017 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

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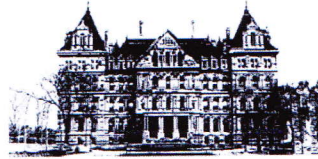
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Assistance Account. The Executive maintains \$2.8 million in Aid to Localities Funding for Rape Crisis Centers from FY 2016 levels.

State Operations spending is increased by \$2 million of which \$1.4 million is for new Federal Victim Assistance Training; and \$634,000 increase in Federal Crime Victims Assistance Account.

State Commission of Corrections

The FY 2017 Executive Budget recommends maintaining All Funds appropriations of \$2.9 million.

Department of Law

The FY 2017 Executive Budget proposes All Funds spending of \$233.5 million, an increase of \$7.25 million, or 3.2 percent, from FY 2016 levels. Of the spending increase, \$4 million is the result of an increase in capital spending from \$1 million to \$5 million. This spending increase would be used to consolidate and upgrade their data center, upgrade their e-discovery system, improve big data analysis capabilities, improve charities monitoring abilities, and to upgrade their case management system. The Executive proposes an increase of six Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and this would increase spending by approximately \$500,000. The remaining \$2.75 million is primarily due to increased personal service costs.

Judiciary

The FY 2017 Executive Budget proposes All Funds spending of \$2.9 billion, an increase of \$112.2 million, or 4.1 percent.

This reflects a spending increase of \$48.6 million for employee benefit costs, and \$47.9 million for personal service and nonpersonal service/indirect costs for Court and Agency Operations. There

would be an additional \$700,000 spending increase in Aid to Localities mainly for cleaning and minor repairs. The Judiciary transfers \$15 million for grants for civil legal services to the Interest on Lawyer Account.

Of the \$47.9 million increase for Court and Agency Operations, \$23.9 million is personal service, an increase of 1.6 percent, and \$24 million is nonpersonal service/indirect costs, an increase of 5.3 percent. The increase in personal service reflects collectively negotiated salary increases, longevity bonuses and similar items for all eligible employees. A nonpersonal service spending increase of \$16 million, or 17.6 percent is for other professional services to nonprofit agencies in support of civil legal services as well as to enable the Judiciary to receive additional grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The Executive Budget does not include funding for the Judicial compensation increases adopted by The Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation in its December 24, 2016 final report because the Judiciary was required to submit its proposed budget to the Executive prior to this date. It is expected that the compensation increase would increase general fund cash spending in FY 2017 by \$27 million.

Although the Judiciary's proposed budget would increase general fund cash spending by \$44.4 million, or 2.4 percent, and the compensation increase of \$27 million for FY 2017 is not reflected in the Executive Budget, the Executive expects, or is hopeful, that the Judiciary will ultimately absorb the cost of the salary increase and that spending growth will be reduced to two percent. The areas to be reduced have not yet been specified.

**Public Protection
Proposed Disbursements - All Funds
(Thousands of Dollars)**

Agency	Estimated FY 2016	Proposed FY 2017	Change Amount	Percent
Department of Corrections and Community Supervision	2,997,045	2,944,414	(52,631)	-1.76%
Division of Criminal Justice Services	232,203	235,668	3,465	1.49%
Division of State Police	733,963	729,921	(4,042)	-0.55%
Office of Victim Services	66,720	71,230	4,510	6.76%
Commission of Correction	2,651	2,651	0	0.00%
Judicial Commissions	5,652	5,652	0	0.00%
Division of Military and Naval Affairs	103,704	138,972	35,268	34.01%
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	2,390,867	1,681,695	(709,172)	-29.66%
Office of Indigent Legal Services	66,017	101,695	35,678	54.04%
Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence	2,281	2,381	100	4.38%
Totals:	6,601,103	5,914,279	(686,824)	-10.40%
Judiciary	2,753,376	2,865,600	112,224	4.08%
Department of Law	226,278	233,535	7,257	3.21%