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Ms. Elena Sassower  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.  
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request to the New York State Division of the Budget (the "Division") dated February 2, 2024 in which you seek: "records reflecting: (1) how Governor Hochul's five proposed "Article VII Bills" each became actual bills, allegedly submitted by her "pursuant to Article 7 of the Constitution"; (2) why these actual bills are not posted on her Division of the Budget's website; and (3) findings of fact and conclusions of law made with respect to CJA's March 18, 2020 letter to Governor Cuomo."

To the extent the Division is able to construe your request as a request for records, the Division does not possess records responsive to your request as of February 2, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy R. Ottaviano" followed by a stylized flourish.

Amy R. Ottaviano  
FOIL Officer

