



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY 12224

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**Via Email: [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)**

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Dear Ms. Sassower:

The Executive Chamber acknowledges receipt of your FOIL request dated January 15, 2014, seeking:

Pursuant to Article VII, § 1 of the New York State Constitution, the Governor is required to transmit to the Legislature, as part of his proposed state budget, the certified "itemized estimates" of the Judiciary and Legislature "without revision but with such recommendations as the governor may deem proper."

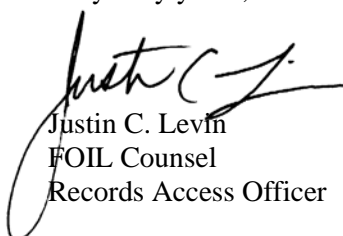
Accessible from the Division of the Budget's website, [www.budget.ny.gov](http://www.budget.ny.gov), are the Governor's proposed budgets for 15 fiscal years: from 1999-2000 to 2013-2014. For each of these 15 fiscal years, there is a "Commentary of the Governor on the Judiciary" – and copies are enclosed for your convenience. However, there is not a single "Commentary of the Governor on the Legislature".

Pursuant to FOIL, request is made for such Governor's "Commentary" or "recommendations" on the Legislature's proposed budgets for these 15 fiscal years, if any.

We are performing a diligent search for the records you request. We anticipate responding to your request or providing a status update by February 21, 2014.

If any documents are located that respond to your request, you will be charged \$.25 per page for photocopies. If the response to your request will be provided in another media, we will notify you of any charges.

Very truly yours,

  
Justin C. Levin  
FOIL Counsel  
Records Access Officer