



February 10, 2014

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

Elena Sassower  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.  
Post Office Box 8101  
White Plains, New York 10602

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This letter responds to your correspondence dated January 15, 2014 which, pursuant to FOIL, requested:

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.”

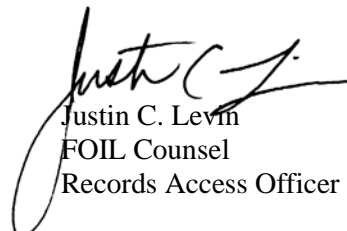
Accessible from the Division of the Budget’s website, [www.budget.ny.gov](http://www.budget.ny.gov), are the Governor’s proposed budgets for 15 fiscal years: from 1999-2000 to 2013-2014. For each of these 15 fiscal years, there is a “Commentary of the Governor on the Judiciary” – and copies are enclosed 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.

Please be advised that the New York State Executive Chamber has conducted a diligent search, but does not possess records responsive to your request.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law § 89(4)(a), you have thirty (30) days to take a written appeal of this determination. You may make an appeal by writing: FOIL Appeals Officer, Executive Chamber, State of New York, Albany, New York, 12224.

Very truly yours,

  
Justin C. Levin  
FOIL Counsel  
Records Access Officer