

ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor

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Via Electronic Mail

January 29, 2018

Elena Sassower elena@judgewatch.org

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt by the Division of the Budget (the "Division") of your Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request dated January 22, 2018, in which you seek the following: "(1) records reflecting the process/procedures by which the Legislature's budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 was compiled; (2) records pertaining to the Legislature's 'General State Charges' for fiscal year 2018-2019, missing from the Legislature's budget transmitted to Governor Cuomo by the December 1, 2017 cover letter signed by Temporary President Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Heastie - in particular, (a) records of their certification; (b) cumulative dollar amount; (c) date of their transmittal to the Governor; and (d) whereabouts in the Executive budget; (3) records pertaining to the 28 pages of legislative reappropriations for fiscal year 2018-2019, appearing in an out-of-sequence section at the back of Governor Cuomo's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.7501/A.9501 (at pp.26-53), but missing from the Legislature's budget that Temporary Senate President Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Heastie transmitted to Governor Cuomo by their December 1, 2017 cover letter - in particular (a) records of their certification; (b) cumulative dollar amount; and (c) date of their transmittal to the Governor; (4) records reflecting the cumulative dollar amount of the Legislature's budget for fiscal year 2018-2019, inclusive of 'General State Charges' and reappropriations."

Division staff has been asked to review applicable files and provide pertinent records in the possession of the Division, if any, that are responsive to your request. Any such pertinent records will be reviewed to determine what records and/or information should be disclosed under FOIL. We estimate that the Division will respond to your request by February 27, 2018.

The Division will notify you in writing when/if any responsive materials are available for release or if the time needed to complete the processing of your request extends beyond the above date.

Sincerely,

amy R. Ottaviano

FOIL Officer