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**Via Electronic Mail**

April 13, 2020

Ms. Elena Sassower  
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request to the New York State Division of the Budget (the "Division") dated April 6, 2020 in which you seek: "1. records establishing that the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker were constitutionally-entitled to "amend" these seven budget bills on March 31-April 2, 2020 - and to do so behind-closed-doors; 2. records showing what specific changes the "amendments" made, as for instance, the "detail sheets" and "amended memorandum(a)", required by Senate Rule VI, section 4(b), and the "detailed description(s)" required by Assembly Rule III, section 6(a)."

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 April 27, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

Joel C. Lombardi  
FOIL Officer