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Elena Sassower
Director, Center for Judicial Accountability
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Re: FOIL Appeal 12-1-23

Dear Ms. Sassower:

I am in receipt of your appeal of the denial dated December 1, 2023 of one New York Freedom of Information Law request made to the Senate Pursuant to Senate Rules, I am designated in my capacity as Counsel to the Majority as the Appeals Officer for all such requests. Upon review, I hereby deny your appeal and affirm the previous determination of the Secretary of the Senate. The specific records you have requested, to the extent such records exist and fall into the categories of disclosure required pursuant to Section 88 of the Public Officers Law applicable specifically to the Legislature, have already been made publicly available. As a result, I deny your appeal and affirm the determination of the FOIL Officer. I also note separately that the witness list for the hearing relevant to your general request has been made available online at the webpage link previously provided to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Katz".

Eric Katz
Counsel to the Majority

cc: Alejandra N. Paulino, Secretary of the Senate