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To: 'foil@nysenate.gov'
Subject: FOIL request for records establishing "The state Constitution mandates the approval of the state budget by April 1."

TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.

The Senate's website has a webpage entitled "New York State Budget": <https://www.nysenate.gov/new-york-state-budget>, whose text reads:

"The state budget process is Constitutionally mandated. Every year the Governor must submit an Executive Budget proposal outlining the anticipated income and expenses in the year to follow. Legislative committees open the proposal to public review, calling on state agencies and stakeholders to address the proposed budget appropriations. These joint legislative hearings are presented in realtime on NYSenate.gov. The New York State Senate welcomes public testimony as part of its annual budget review. The state Constitution mandates the approval of the state budget by April 1." (underlining added).

Pursuant to Senate Rule ___ ["Freedom of Information"], this is to request records substantiating the last sentence: "The state Constitution mandates the approval of the state budget by April 1."

Absent your production of such records, you must IMMEDIATELY remove that sentence – and I so-request lest the public be further misled as to how the Legislature is operating with respect to the state budget.

Thank you.

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