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Monday, August 3, 2020 6:43 PM

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Robert Durr

Subject:

RE: FOIL/Information Request: (1) the functioning of the Onondaga County district attorney's office & performance of its duties with respect to public corruption complaints filed by members of the public; (2) access to the Onondaga County grand

jury...



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August 3, 2020

DELIVERY VIA EMAIL

Email: elena@judgewatch.org

Elena Sassower, Director Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. P.O. Box 8101 White Plains, NY 10602

Re: Freedom of Information Law Request

Dear Ms. Sassower:

Please be advised your Freedom of Information Law (F.O.I.L.) request for records "... reflecting the functioning and performance of the Onondaga County district attorney's office with respect to public corruption complaints filed with it by members of the public from 2016 to the present..." and related records/documents, as well as "... mailing/email address of the Onondaga County grand jury ..." was received by this office electronically on July 31, 2020.

If such document(s) you are requesting is located, it will be reviewed to determine if there are any exemptions to the right of access pursuant to Public Officer Law §87(2) and other applicable laws. Please be advised that the cost of copying documents is \$0.25 per page pursuant to Public Officers Law §87(1)(b)(iii). New York's F.O.I.L. has no provision for a waiver of the statutory fee of \$0.25 per page.

Currently, as a result of COVID-19, our office's (virtual) work force has been reduced, and as a result, there is a 60-day back log in responding to F.O.I.L. demands. New York Public Officers Law contains no time limitation on granting or denying access to records, but merely requires that the requester be furnished with a

statement of approximate date on which a request would be granted or denied. See New York Public Officers Law §89(3)(a).

Very truly yours,

Donna Hamilton Paralegal/Records Access Officer

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Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 1:45 PM

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TO: Onondaga County District Attorney FOIL Officer Donna Hamilton

Attached is my FOIL/information request of today's date.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
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