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Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:17 AM
To: 'dstanglin@usatoday.com'; 'jcampbell1@gannett.com'
Subject: FACT CHECKING your "Fact Check: New York legislators did not just vote a pay raise during the coronavirus shutdown" (USA Today, May 1, 2020)

TO: Reporters Doug Stanglin & Jon Campbell

Your yesterday's article "*Fact Check: New York legislators did not just vote a pay raise during the coronavirus shutdown*" (USA Today, May 1, 2020) states:

"On April 3, during the coronavirus crisis, the Legislature approved a \$177 billion budget that included a measure allowing the committee to also consider judicial salaries this year, but that did not involve legislative raises."

The referred-to "measure" is not identified in the hyperlinked New York Times article "*We Can't Spend What We Don't Have: Virus Strikes N.Y. Budget*", by Jesse McKinley and Luis Ferre-Sadurni. In which of your listed "fact-check sources" – all media – was it reported? And did you examine the "measure" yourselves? In which budget bill is it?

Please advise, as immediately as possible.

Thank you.

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