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Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This letter is to acknowledge that on April 2, 2001, I received your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request for:

- "(1) all 'written reports' of the qualifications of the Governor's judicial appointees from that March 30, 1999 date to this date - such documents being "available for public inspection" under the Governor's Executive Order #10.1, ¶2(d);
- (2) current 'Uniform Rules' for the Governor's judicial screening committees and Appendix thereto, consisting of blank questionnaire forms which candidates are required to complete;
- (3) all records showing the cost to the taxpayers of the Governor's judicial screening committees - including for 'reimbursement of any necessary expenses', and 'paid staff' for their operations and investigative activity, as provided for by Executive Order #10.1, ¶7."

Please be advised that as with any FOIL request, this office is only obligated to grant access to those documents or records which are kept by the Executive Chamber, subject to certain exemptions. Further, this office is not obligated to grant access to those documents or records that are not kept within the Executive Chamber or those documents or records that do not exist. In addition, FOIL does not require a state agency to create documents in response to a FOIL request.

I will review our records to determine what materials we have that would be responsive to your request. Pursuant to the provision of §89 (3) of the Public Officers Law, we should be able to provide you with a further response no later than May 4, 2001.

Sincerely,

Rosario Vizzie

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Records Access Officer