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TO: Secretary of the Senate Francis Patience  
Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla  
Governor Cuomo's Public Information Officer Mongthu Zago  
Division of the Budget FOIL Officer Alan Lebowitz

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: RECORDS REQUEST/FOIL: The Legislature's budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, its "General State Charges", and its reappropriations popped into the back of the Governor's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.6401/A.9001

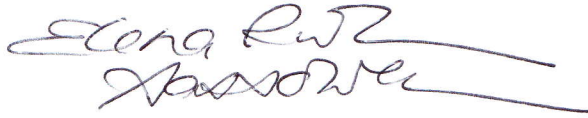
Pursuant to Senate Rule XV, "Freedom of Information", Assembly Rule VIII, "Public Access to Records", and Public Officers Law, Article VI [Freedom of Information Law (F.O.I.L.)], request is made for:

- (1) records reflecting the process/procedures by which the Legislature's budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 was compiled;
- (2) records pertaining to the Legislature's "General State Charges" for fiscal year 2016-2017, missing from the Legislature's budget transmitted to Governor Cuomo by the December 1, 2015 coverletter signed by Temporary Senate President Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Heastie – in particular, records of their certification, cumulative dollar amount, date of their transmittal to the Governor, and whereabouts in the Executive budget;
- (3) records pertaining to the 24 pages of legislative reappropriations for fiscal year 2016-2017, appearing in an out-of-sequence section at the back of Governor Cuomo's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.6401/A.9001 (at pp. 25-48), but missing from the Legislature's budget that Temporary Senate President Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Heastie transmitted to Governor Cuomo by their December 1, 2015 coverletter – in particular, records of their certification, cumulative dollar amount, and date of their transmittal to the Governor;
- (4) records reflecting the cumulative dollar amount of the Legislature's budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, inclusive of "General State Charges" and reappropriations.

Public Officers Law §89.3 requires your response "within five business days" of receipt of this request. I would appreciate if you e-mailed it to me at [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org).

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Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stana Ruzic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

cc: Senate Finance Committee Chair Catharine Young  
Senate Finance Ranking Member Liz Krueger  
Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chairman Herman Farrell, Jr.  
Assembly Ways and Means Ranking Member Bob Oaks  
Senator George Latimer (37th Senate District)  
Assemblyman David Buchwald (93rd Assembly District)