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### BY E-MAIL

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TO: New York State Senate  
Francis W. Patience, Secretary of the Senate  
  
New York State Assembly  
Robin Marilla, Records Access Officer

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

RE: The Legislature's Certified Itemized Estimates of its Financial Needs for  
Fiscal Year 2016-2017, as Required by Article VII, §1 of the New York State  
Constitution

Please advise where on the Senate and Assembly websites are the "Itemized estimates of the financial needs of the legislature, certified by the presiding officer of each house" for fiscal year 2016-2017, which Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution required the Senate and Assembly to transmit to the Governor by December 1, 2015.

Please note I am looking to examine a copy of the actual documents, with their certifications – comparable to what the Judiciary has posted on its website for the "itemized estimates" it transmitted to the Governor on December 1, 2015, pursuant to Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution. For your convenience, here's the direct link to those judiciary budget documents from the Unified Court System's website: <http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/financialops/Budgets.shtml>

In the event the Legislature has not posted its certified itemized estimates of its financial needs for fiscal year 2016-2017 on its websites, please confirm that such will be done promptly. This certainly would be consistent with the claim on the Senate's new website, <http://www.nysenate.gov/about>, under the title heading "Access to information", that:

"The Senate is committed to maximizing the transparency and accessibility of legislative information for all New Yorkers. Through a series of novel initiatives, the Senate continues to lead nationally in providing new ways for citizens to participate in the legislative process."

Thank you.

