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TO: Division of the Budget Director Robert Mujica
ATT: Records Access Officer Alan Lebowitz
Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli
ATT: Records Access Officer Jane Hall
Senate Finance Committee Chair Catharine Young
ATT: Secretary of the Senate Francis Patience
Assembly Ways and Means Chair Herman Farrell
ATT: Records Access Officer Robin Marilla
Criminal Justice Services' Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green
ATT: Records Access Officer Valarie Friedlander

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

RE: FOIL/RECORDS REQUEST: Director of the Budget's certificate of approval of the Division of Criminal Justice Services' budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, contained in Aid to Localities Budget Bill #S.6403-d/A.9003-d – & any certification by the Division of Criminal Justice Services of its own budget

The Division of Criminal Justice Services' budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 is embodied in Governor Cuomo's Aid to Localities Budget Bill, #S.6403/A.9003 – enacted as #S.6403-d/A.9003-d.

Section 1 of Aid to Localities Budget Bill #S.6403-d/A.9003-d states as follows by its subparagraph d:

“No moneys appropriated by this chapter shall be available for payment until a certificate of approval has been issued by the director of the budget, who shall file such certificate with the department of audit and control, the chairperson of the senate finance committee and the chairperson of the assembly ways and committee.”

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law (F.O.I.L.) [Public Officers Law, Article VI], request is made for the director of the budget's “certificate of approval” for the Division of Criminal Justice Service's budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, filed with “the department of audit and control, the chairperson of the senate finance committee and the chairperson of the assembly ways and means committee”.

Additionally, pursuant to FOIL, request is made for any certification of the Division of Criminal Justice Services' budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 by the Division of Criminal Justice Services itself.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89.3, your response/acknowledgment is required “within five business days” of your receipt of this request. I would appreciate if you e-mailed it to me at elena@judgewatch.org. Thank you.

