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TO:

Senate Records Access Officer Secretary of the Senate Francis Patience

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FROM:

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Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE:

FOIL/Records Request: "legislative report on the budget"

for fiscal year 2017-2018, required by State Finance Law §22-b

State Finance Law §22-b, entitled "Report of the legislature on the enacted budget", states:

"Within thirty days of passage of the budget the senate and the assembly shall issue, either jointly or separately, a legislative report on the budget. Such report shall contain a description of appropriation changes between the budget submitted by the governor and the enacted budget and the effect of such changes on employment levels. Commencing with fiscal year nineteen hundred ninety-four--nineteen hundred ninety-five, such report shall also summarize changes in appropriations by function in a form suitable for comparison with the schedule required to be submitted with the governor's proposed budget. Commencing with fiscal year two thousand seven--two thousand eight, such report shall also include an estimate of the impact of the enacted budget on local governments, the state workforce, and general fund projections for the ensuing fiscal year, consistent with the requirements of subdivision one-c of section twenty-two of this article. The findings and descriptions contained in the report required by this section shall constitute the expression of legislative intent with respect to the budget to which such report relates."

Pursuant to Senate Rule XV ("Freedom of Information") and Assembly Rule VIII ("Public Access to Records"), please furnish the "legislative report on the budget" for fiscal year 2017-2018 that the Senate and Assembly issued, "either jointly or separately", as required by State Finance Law §22-b.

Thank you.

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