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BY E-MAIL

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TO: New York State Assembly
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
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RE: Where are the Legislature's Separately Presented "Fringe Benefit Costs"
for Fiscal Year 2013-2014?

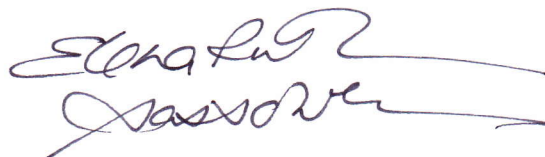
Enclosed is Chief Administrative Judge Prudenti's November 30, 2012 coverletter to the Governor and Legislature for the Judiciary's budget of "General State Charges" for fiscal year 2013-2014. She there identifies that it is:

"the long-standing practice of the Executive and Legislative branches of separately presenting requests for funding of fringe benefit costs and requests for operating funds."

Kindly furnish me with the Legislature's separately presented "fringe benefit costs" for fiscal year 2013-2014, as was not part of what you e-mailed me on March 4, 2013, in response to my February 25, 2013 request for "The Legislature's Certified Itemized Estimates of its Financial Needs for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, as Required by Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution".

Indeed, the Legislature's "fringe benefit costs" are also not posted on the Governor's website pertaining to the Legislature's budget request for fiscal year 2013-2014. Nor are they reflected in the Governor's appropriation bill for the Legislature – S2601; A3001.

Thank you.





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November 30, 2012

To: Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Honorable Sheldon Silver
 Honorable Dean G. Skelos Honorable Brian M. Kolb
 Honorable John L. Sampson Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr.
 Honorable John DeFrancisco Honorable Helene E. Weinstein
 Honorable John J. Bonacic

From: A. Gail Prudenti

I respectfully submit the itemized estimates of the annual financial needs of the Judiciary for General State Charges for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2013. Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution requires the submission of these estimates to the Governor and the Legislature on or before December 1, 2012.

For the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, the Judiciary is again submitting itemized estimates of funding for General State Charges necessary to pay the fringe benefits of judges, justices and nonjudicial employees separately from itemized estimates of the annual operating needs of the Judiciary. This presentation follows the long-standing practice of the Executive and Legislative branches of separately presenting requests for funding of fringe benefit costs and requests for operating funds. The Judiciary will submit a single budget bill, which includes requests for funding for operating expenses and fringe benefit costs for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.