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TO: Senate Records Access Officer Secretary of the Senate Francis Patience  
Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla  
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
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RE: FOIL/RECORDS REQUEST: Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget:  
The Legislature's "additions...stated separately and distinctly...refer[ring]  
each to a single object or purpose" – & the Governor's actions thereon  
(NYS Constitution, Article VII, §4)

Article VII, §4 of the New York State Constitution states:

§4. The legislature may not alter an appropriation bill submitted by the governor except to strike out or reduce items therein, but it may add thereto items of appropriation provided that such additions are stated separately and distinctly from the original items of the bill and refer each to a single object or purpose. None of the restrictions of this section, however, shall apply to appropriations for the legislature or judiciary.

Such an appropriation bill shall when passed by both houses be a law immediately without further action by the governor, except that appropriations for the legislature and judiciary and separate items added to the governor's bills by the legislature shall be subject to approval of the governor as provided in section 7 of article IV. (underlining added).

Pursuant to Senate Rule XV ("Freedom of Information"), Assembly Rule VIII ("Public Access to Records"), and Public Officers Law Article VI ("FOIL"), request is made for records of:

- (1) the Legislature's "additions...stated separately and distinctly from the original items" of the Governor's fiscal year 2018-2019 budget bills and "refer[ring] each to a single object or purpose";
- (2) The Governor's actions thereon "as provided in section 7 of article IV".

Thank you.

