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TO: Secretary of the Senate Francis W. Patience  
Office of the Temporary Senate President/Majority Coalition Leaders:  
Senator Dean Skelos & Senator Jeffrey Klein  
Senate Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins

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

RE: Senate Rule XV “Freedom of Information” Request:  
Governor Cuomo’s Program Bills #4, #5, and #12

I understand that Governor Cuomo’s Program Bill #4 (Creating Enforcement Counsel at Board of Elections; Repeal of Wilson-Pakula; Party Enrollment Deadline Change), Program Bill #5 (Voter Registration; Ballot Access; Ballot Simplification), and Program #12 (“Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2013”) – which he announced at his June 11, 2013 press conference – were never introduced and have no Senate bill numbers.

Senate Rule VII, §7 states:

“Every bill proposed by the Governor... shall be submitted to the office of the Temporary President and shall be forwarded by the Majority Coalition Leaders for introduction purposes to the appropriate standing committee in accordance with section one of Rule VII. Any such bill which is not so forwarded within three weeks after receipt by the office of the Temporary President shall be offered to the Democratic Conference Leader who may in accordance with section one of Rule VII, forward such bills to any member for introduction purposes.”

Pursuant to Senate Rule XV (“Freedom on Information”), this is to request all publicly-available records pertaining to Governor Cuomo’s Program Bills #4, #5, and #12 and, specifically,:

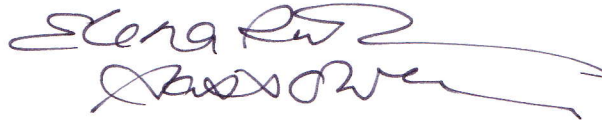
- (1) records identifying the date on which the office of the Temporary President received them, *if received*;
- (2) records identifying the date on which the Majority Coalition Leaders forwarded them “for introduction purposes to the appropriate standing committee”, *if forwarded* – and the action taken by each such “appropriate standing committee” with respect thereto;

- (3) records identifying the date “within three weeks after receipt” by the office of the Temporary President when they were “offered to the Democratic Conference Leader”, *if offered*;
- (4) records identifying the date the Democratic Conference Leader forwarded them “to any member for introduction purposes”, *if forwarded* – and the member’s response;

Additionally, please furnish all publicly-available records of Senate communications with the Assembly pertaining to the status of the Governor’s Program Bills #4, #5, and #12 in that body.

Pursuant to FOIL (Public Officers Law §89.3), your response is required “within five business days” of your receipt of this request. Kindly e-mail it to me at [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org).

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Elena R. Russo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

cc: Governor Andrew Cuomo  
Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver  
Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb  
William Collins, Assembly Majority Counsel  
Assembly Public Information Officer Robin Marilla  
Robert Freeman, Committee on Open Government  
The Public & The Press