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Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request for: "(1) all 'written reports' of the qualifications of the Governor's judicial appointees from that March 30, 1999 date to this date - such documents being 'available for public inspection' under the Governor's Executive Order #10.1, ¶2(d); (2) current 'Uniform Rules' for the Governor's judicial screening committees and Appendix thereto, consisting of blank questionnaire forms which candidates are required to complete; (3) all records showing the cost to the taxpayers of the Governor's judicial screening committees - including for 'reimbursement of any necessary expenses', and 'paid staff' for their operations and investigative activity, as provided for by Executive Order #10.1, ¶7."

Although I have not completed the process of locating and gathering documents, I have located seventy-six (76) pages of documents that are responsive to parts one and two of your request. I hereby grant you access to seventy-six (76) pages of documents pursuant to Public Officers Law §87(2). Under the Public Officers Law, you have the right to inspect and make photocopies of these documents at a cost of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page. If you would otherwise prefer, this office can photocopy the documents and forward them to you at a cost of nineteen dollars (\$19.00) upon receipt of a certified check made payable to the Executive Chamber. Please contact me at the above address or at (518) 474-1291 either to make arrangements to inspect these documents or to receive photocopies.

Also, I would be glad to continue the process of searching for additional documents in response to your request if you indicate to me in writing or by telephone that you would like me to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosario Vizzie".

Rosario Vizzie
Assistant Counsel to the Governor
Records Access Officer