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Subject: [Records Center] FOIL Records Request :: R001881-012626

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RE: FOIL Records Request of January 26, 2026., Reference # R001881-012626.

Dear Elena Sassower,

This letter responds to your request dated January 26, 2026, which pursuant to FOIL, requested:

Pursuant to FOIL (Public Officers Law Article VI, Senate Rule XIV, Assembly Rules VIII), above-attached is CJA's FOIL/records request pertaining to the morphing of Governor Hochul's five proposed budget bills into actual bills.

It has long been established that FOIL does not require responses to specific questions but instead governs release of government records. See Public Officers Law § 89(3)(a) (indicating that an agency is not required to create a record in response to a request). "There is nothing in the Freedom of Information Law or the Open Meetings Law that requires that government officers or employees respond to questions, supply information in response to questions or offer explanations for their governmental activities. New York State Committee on Open Government Advisory Opinion 16632a (June 18, 2007).

Pursuant to Public Officers Law § 89(4)(a), you have thirty (30) days to take a written appeal of this determination. You may appeal by writing: FOIL Appeals Officer, Executive Chamber, State Capitol, Albany, New York, 12224; or by email at Records.Access@exec.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

New York State Executive Chamber Records Access Office

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