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Via Electronic Mail

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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request to the New York State Division of the Budget (the "Division") dated January 23, 2026 in which you seek the following: " FOIL: FY 2026-27 State Budget – for records reflecting: (1) how Governor Hochul's five proposed "Article VII Bills" each became actual bills, allegedly submitted by her "pursuant to article seven of the Constitution"; (2) why these actual bills are not posted on her Division of the Budget's website; and (3) findings of fact and conclusions of law made with respect to CJA's March 18, 2020 letter to Governor Cuomo."

To the extent your request is reasonably described, the Division does not possess records responsive to your request as of January 23, 2026.

Sincerely,

Amy R. Ottaviano
FOIL Officer