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Subject: **Supplement -- January 26, 2026 FOIL/Records Request: The Judiciary's FY2026-27 Budget Submission**
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TO: Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas

cc: Office of Court Administration FOIL Officer/Assistant Deputy Counsel Sevil Barber

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Please deem this e-mail a supplement to my above-attached January 26, 2026 FOIL/records request pertaining to the Judiciary's FY2026-27 budget submission, which inadvertently omitted the below #18:

(18) records reflecting what actions you took in response to [CJA's October 25, 2023 complaint to you](#) against "Judges, Government-Attorneys, & Government-Retained Attorneys Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Child Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents" to ensure its proper handling by those within your supervisory purview, *to wit*, the Appellate Division Attorney Grievance Committees, the Inspector General, and Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Richard Rivera – and by the Commission on Judicial Conduct – germane to the "Introduction" of the Judiciary's FY2026-27 budget submission identifying (at p. ii) "Additional funding for Attorney for Child (AFC) providers for critical representation services for children involved in Family Court proceedings (\$4.2 million) – and the budget request of \$216,851,000 (at pp. 73-76) for the "Attorney for the Child Program" that is part of its "Appellate Auxiliary Operations".

Thank you.

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Above attached is CJA's FOIL/records request of today's date entitled "The Judiciary's FY2026-27 Budget Submission".

Thank you.

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