



January 11, 2021

Via Email: elena@judgewatch.org

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FOIL Requests: #3142 & 3143

Dear Elena Sassower:

The Executive Chamber acknowledges receipt of your FOIL requests dated January 4, 2021, seeking:

#3142: a copy of the “Itemized estimates of the financial needs of the legislature, certified by the presiding officer of each house” for fiscal year 2021-2022, which Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution required the Senate and Assembly to transmit to the Governor by December 1st.

Please note I am requesting a copy of the actual documents, with their certifications – comparable to what the Judiciary has posted on its website for the “itemized estimates” it transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution. For your convenience, here’s the direct link to those judiciary budget documents from the Unified Court System’s website: [FY 2022 Judiciary Budget | NYCOURTS.GOV](https://www.nycourts.gov/fy2022-judiciary-budget/).

#3143: Governor Cuomo’s website posts a December 28, 2020 press release entitled “Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Cuomo Announces Executive Order Withholding Pay Increases for All Statewide Elected Officials and Commissioners”. However, no such executive order is posted on the Governor’s website: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/executiveorders>.

Pursuant to FOIL [Public Officers Law Article VI], this is to request a copy of the referred-to executive order – which Governor Cuomo first announced he would be issuing a month and a half ago, at his November 18, 2020 press conference (at 30 mins – 32 mins).

We are conducting a search for records that respond to your request and will review them for applicable exemptions under FOIL. We will provide you with a status update on or before February 23, 2021.

In light of New York State's reduction in workforce as part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be delays in response to FOIL requests. Thank you for your patience during this extraordinary time.

If any documents are located that respond to your request, you will be charged \$.25 per page for photocopies. If the response to your request will be provided in another media, we will notify you of any charges.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Clemmer", written in a cursive style.

Jaclyn Clemmer
FOIL Counsel &
Records Access Officer