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May 6, 2021

Valerie Lubanko
Assistant Counsel to the Governor
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Freedom of Information Law Appeal

Dear Ms. Lubanko:

I hereby appeal the denial of access regarding my request, which was sent to you on February 15, 2021.

The records that were denied include recordings and/or any other records, except for a copy of the publicly released rush transcript, pertaining to the February 10, 2021 meeting held between members of the Governor's Administration, including Secretary to the Governor, Melissa DeRosa, officials of the Department of Health, including Dr. Howard Zucker and members of the legislature, including Senator Rachel May, Senator Gustavo Rivera, Senator James Skoufis, Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, Assemblyman John McDonald and Assemblyman Ron Kim.

As you know, a rush transcript from the meeting was released to the public on February 17, 2021. A full recording of the meeting and/or any records pertaining to it would provide a more complete context for the meeting minutes in question. By not releasing a full recording and/or additional records, the public must assume that the recording does not accurately match what was provided in the rushed transcript. In the interest of full government transparency, I urge you to honor my FOIL request in its entirety.

As required by the Freedom of Information Law, the head or governing body of an agency, or whomever is designated to determine appeals, is required to respond within 10 business days of the receipt of an appeal. If the records are denied on appeal, please explain the reasons for the denial fully in writing as required by law.

In addition, please be advised that the Freedom of Information Law directs that all appeals and the determinations that follow be sent to the Committee on Open Government, Department of State, 41 State Street, Albany, New York 12231.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Serino".

Senator Sue Serino
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