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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman Albany County Legislature 112 State Street, Room 710 Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Public Defender's Office and Alternate Public Defender's Office request authorization for a one-year, no cost extension of the Distribution #13 grant with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services that currently ends on 12/31/25, as well as related 2025 budget amendments. Since there were periods of vacancies in the Assistant Public Defender position funded by the grant, the extension and budget modification are needed to fully utilize the funds provided by the grant.

If you require any supplemental information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Herrick Public Defender

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader

Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel James Curran, Minority Counsel