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

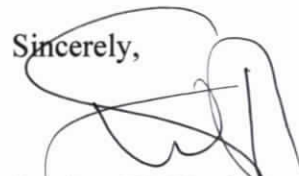
Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Albany County Public Defender's Office requests authorization for an agreement with Partners for Justice to augment support that the Public Defender's Office provides to clients. Partners for Justice will place two Advocates in the Public Defender's Office for a term of two years, as well as provide training/advisory assistance on the implementation of collaborative defense practices and data collection/reporting.

The \$395,451 total cost of the initiative will be 100% State-funded by NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services Distribution #11 and Distribution #14 grants.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel