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Honorable Andrew Joyce
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Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of Immigration Assistance requests authorization to draft a response as to how Albany County can and will provide legal support, immigration training, and assistance in the development of protocols and procedures for attorneys. On January 7, 2020, Indigent Legal Services released a Request for Proposal for counties to support a network of Regional Assistance Centers to support initiatives aimed at improving indigent legal services to noncitizen clients. The RFP is due by February 25, 2020, if awarded Albany County will represent one of six regions with a maximum annual award of \$551,420. Albany County has completed the first three-year contract that established the Regional Immigration Assistance Center which covered 14 counties in total with an award amount of \$450,000 annually for three years. This RFP is for the second round of funding for the Regional Assistance Centers.

Very truly yours,

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