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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Re: Request for Legislative Action regarding resident status for hiring Probation Officer Trainee

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Every three years Albany County Civil Service administers Probation exams which include Probation Officer Trainee. Since early this year I have canvassed the list and have only been able to hire one person. The list currently is exhausted and I am unable to fill vacancies. The next test is scheduled to be given June 25, 2022. The results are expected in September. Many persons who take the test, do not reside in Albany County. Currently 52 applicants have signed up to take the test in June. Out of this 19 are non-county residents. In 2019 when the test was last administered, 12 out 91 applicants did not reside in the county and in 2016 when given, 23 out 103 applicants did not reside in the county when the test was given. In order to increase the candidate pool it is respectfully requested qualified candidates on the Civil Service list, who do not reside in Albany County at the time of hire be allowed, if they become a resident within one year.

If allowed, it is requested this temporary waiver be consistent with the time the list is valid from Civil Service or exhausted.

It is respectfully requested this be considered. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (518) 487-5194.

Sincerely,

William Connors
Probation Director

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cc: Honorable Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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