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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 requests authorization for a one-year no cost extension to the Third Counsel at First Appearance grant contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services. Since it took two years for the County to implement a counsel at first appearance program after receiving the first Counsel at First Appearance grant, an extension to the grant term is needed to fully utilize the funds provided.

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