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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Alternate Public Defender's Office, on behalf of the Public Defender and the Alternate Public Defender, requests an extension of a previously authorized grant, ILS Second Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA 2) contract to December 31, 2021. The Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA) program provides counsel at arraignment to every indigent individual arrested in Albany County. The request to extend the term of the CAFA2 contract has been approved by ILS. The extension permits us to provide continued representation to our clients and allows us to better utilize the current funding. The extension does not negatively impact our program or any funding associated with the program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tina K. Sodhi, Esq.
Alternate Public Defender

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