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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
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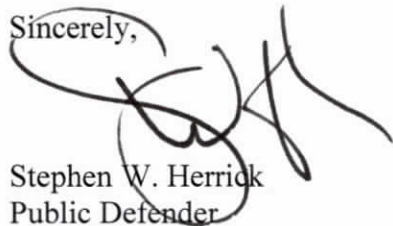
Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Albany County Public Defender's Office and Alternate Public Defender's Office request authorization for the Distribution #10 grant contract with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services, as well as authorization for a one-year, no cost extensions of the grant. The extension end date of the grant, which has an original term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, is December 31, 2023. The grant provides salary and fringe support for two (2) attorneys representing indigent clients in criminal court proceedings, as well as competitiveness salary raises and fringe support for entry-level attorneys.

Since there were periods of vacancies in the Assistant Public Defender positions funded by the grant, the extensions were needed to fully utilize the funds provided by the grant.

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
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