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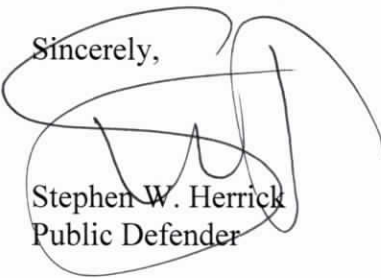
Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Public Defender's Office respectfully submits a request for Legislative action to accept grant funds from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the Aid to Defense Program. The Aid to Defense Program funds enhanced defense services designed to expedite the processing of serious and violent felony cases through the courts. The grant is for the term of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$42,738. This is a recurring, direct award based on a DCJS formula, and there is no County match.

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
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel