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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Public Defender's Office, Alternate Public Defender's Office, and Assigned Counsel Office request authorization to extend the term of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Statewide Implementation of the Hurrell-Harring settlement grant to 3/31/2024. This no-cost extension will allow the Offices to continue to increase the availability of legal representation for indigent defendants in Albany County, including ensuring the accessibility of counsel at arraignments, establishing caseload limits for counsel, and increasing the availability of experts.

There is no match to the grant funds.

If you require any supplemental information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Herrick  
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cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
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