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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
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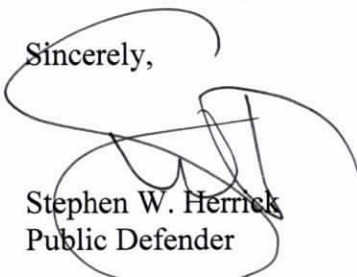
Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Public Defender's Office, Alternate Public Defender's Office and Assigned Counsel Office request authorization for budget amendments to incorporate the Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant into their respective budgets.

The newly created Assistant Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender Social Worker positions, along with non-attorney professional services (experts, investigators, interpreters, etc.), trainings and CLEs in the Assigned Counsel Office, will improve the quality of representation provided by the County to parents accused of child maltreatment who cannot afford to retain counsel.

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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