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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
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Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Public Defender's Office requests authorization to amend the Distribution #11 grant contract with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services, as well as authorization of related 2025 budget amendments. Since there were periods of vacancies in the Assistant Public Defender positions funded by the grant, the budget modification is needed to fully utilize the funds provided by the grant.

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
James Curran, Minority Counsel