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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 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 Public Defender

cc:

Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel James Curran, Minority Counsel