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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, Alternate Public Defender's Office, and Assigned Counsel Program request authorization for amendment of the Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, as well as for related amendments to the County's 2026 budget.

The contract amendment extends the term of the grant through 12/31/28, increases the total amount of the grant to \$4,500,000, and provides funding for existing and new personnel salaries and fringe, contractual services, and other than personal services (OTPS) to improve the quality of legal representation provided to indigent clients in Family Court under County Law Article 18-B.

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
James Curran, Minority Counsel