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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 Assigned Counsel Program, requests authorization to join with the Saratoga, Schenectady, and Warren County Assigned Counsel Programs in Regional Collaboration to provide MCLE courses and other training programs to our Panel Attorneys. Due to our acceptance of New York State grant funding provided by the Office of Indigent Legal Services, all four programs are required to provide training and resource programs to our Panel Attorneys via these funds. A difficulty with such a collaboration, at present, is that trainings often are announced and completed in less than thirty (30) days, far faster than the Programs would be able to develop and submit a resolution to be approved by multiple municipalities, even though such cooperation would reduce costs.

Our proposed solution is to allow for this Resolution to authorize the creation of the Collaboration, and then require each individual event to be approved based upon the amount of money necessary to provide the individual event. It is our hope that, by working together to provide these types of programs, the costs of the individual programs will decrease, and then number and quality of the Programs we provide to the Panel Attorneys will improve. This resolution requires no financial commitment from the County at this time, and any training programs or MCLEs provided will be funded 100% by state resources.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Thomas C. DeBose III*

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cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
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