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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Albany County Public Defender's Office and Alternate Public Defender's Office request authorization for the Distribution #9 grant contract with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services, as well as authorization for two (2) one-year, no cost extensions of the grant. The extension end dates of the grant, which has an original term of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021, are December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023. The grant provides salary and fringe support for two (2) attorneys representing indigent clients in criminal court proceedings and one (1) attorney representing indigent clients in family court proceedings, as well as funds for office furniture replacement.

Since there were periods of vacancies in the Assistant Public Defender and Alternate Assistant Public Defender positions funded by the grant, the extensions were needed to fully utilize the funds provided by the grant.

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  
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