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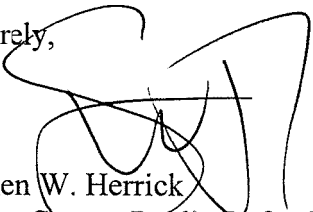
Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Public Defender's Office respectfully submits a request for Legislative action to accept grant funds from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the FY2021 Aid to Defense Program. The Aid to Defense Program funds enhanced defense services designed to expedite the processing of serious and violent felony cases through the courts. The grant is for a 12 month period beginning April 1, 2021, in the amount of \$42,738. This is a recurring, direct award based on a DCJS formula, and there is no County match.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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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