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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, Alternate Public Defender's Office and Assigned Counsel Program are seeking to accept grant funds from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in the amount of \$1,360,697 to administer the Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform and Aid to Defense - Supplemental Programs, as well as to authorize related amendments to the County's 2025 budget.

These direct awards, based on DCJS formulas, cover April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 and are expected to be recurring. There are no County matches.

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