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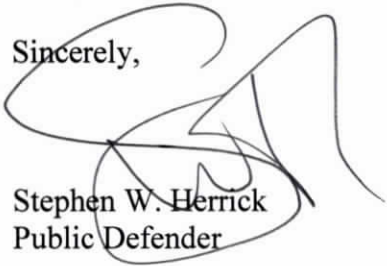
Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Public Defender's Office is requesting authorization for a one-year, no cost extension of the Third Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant that currently ends on 6/30/23. Since there was a one-year delay implementing work funded by all three Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grants, the extension is needed to fully utilize the funds provided by the grant. The grant provides funding for a portion of the salary and fringe for a full-time Attorney who assists with the urgent tasks of the Public Defender's office to minimize interruptions of current staff and therefore increase quality and productivity of services.

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  
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel