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Honorable Andrew Joyce
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Dear Chairmen Joyce:

The Regional Immigration Assistance Center (RIAC) request authorization to accept the second round of funding from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services to provide legal support, in-person and virtual immigration training, and the development of protocols and procedures for attorneys and court rooms throughout the fourteen counties (please see attached for details) the RIAC represents. The RIAC will function as resource for the defender community to understand and navigate the complexities of immigration consequences in regards to criminal convictions. The funding will be utilized to provide resources, and guidance to mandated representatives of criminal law, family law, appellate and post-convictions representation in compliance with the legal and constitutional obligations established by the Supreme Court in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 130 S. Ct. 1473 (2010). On July 20, 2020, the RIAC was awarded \$1,654,260 to continue its participation in a statewide network designed to improve provided indigent legal services over the next three years.

Very truly yours,

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