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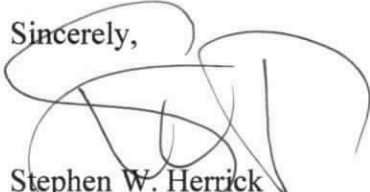
Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Public Defender's Office requests authorization to amend its 2025 budget to utilize funds made available through the one-year extension to the Third Counsel at First Appearance grant contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services. The budget amendments appropriate \$247,340 of state-provided funds to increase compensation in 2025 for personnel involved in providing attorney representation at all first arraignments within Albany County.

If you require any supplemental information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Stephen W. Herrick
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cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel