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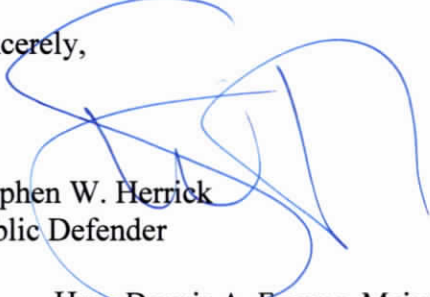
Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Public Defender's Office requests authorization to accept grant funds from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the 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 funds to be accepted are for two annual awards of \$42,738 each, covering the time period of 4/1/24 through 3/31/26. This is a recurring, direct award based on a DCJS formula, and there is no County match.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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