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

Re: Raise the Age Grant Approval

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is a request for Legislative Action for permission to accept funding to the Probation Department for services for Raise the Age Youth. NYS enacted legislation raising the age of Juvenile Delinquency to 16 and 17-year-old children. Raise the age legislation was first enacted on October 1, 2018 for 16-year old and October 1, 2019 for 17-year-old. It also created a new class of offender called "adolescent offender". This was any 16 or 17 year being charged with a felony. The Probation Department is mandated to provide supervision and services to these youth. This grant was anticipated in the current budget. Albany County Probation is scheduled to receive \$1,853,142 for staffing, and programming for RTA youth. The grant renewal period is from 4.1.2024 – 3.31.2025 in Albany County.

It is respectfully requested this be considered. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (518) 487-5194.

Sincerely,

William Connors
Probation Director

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cc: Honorable Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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