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Honorable Andrew Joyce  
Chair, Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Rm. 710  
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Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of Immigration Assistance (OIA) requests a residency waiver to allow for the consideration and hiring of qualified applicants who reside out of the County to fill the vacant position of Immigration Counsel. OIA will make every effort and will continue to pursue qualified individuals that live in Albany County, can meet the travel requirements, and provide the skills necessary to satisfy our contractual obligations. This position requires a unique set of expertise defined and funded by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services and will be responsible for the Regional Immigration Assistance Center 6<sup>th</sup> region, made up of 14 counties. OIA is responsible for ensuring that providers of indigent legal services within all 14 counties have access to training and legal support necessary to provide competent advice to their clientele that will prevent unnecessary and often severe unforeseen consequences in criminal, appellate, immigration, and family court matters.

Very truly yours,

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