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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
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112 State Street, Room 710
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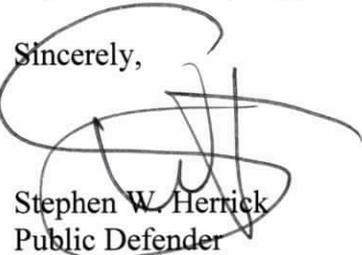
Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Public Defender's Office requests authorization of the Fourth Counsel at First Appearance grant contract with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services. The grant provides \$749,700 over a period of three years and allows the County to continue to provide legal representation at arraignment 24/7 for any indigent individuals arrested. Spending under this grant will not begin until calendar year 2025 because there was a two-year delay in Counsel at First Appearance implementation at its onset.

There is no match to the grant funds, and the grant is anticipated in the Office's 2023 budget.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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