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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Public Defender's Office requests authorization to extend the term of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Third Counsel at First Appearance grant to 12/31/24. This no-cost extension will allow the County to continue to make demonstrable and measurable improvements in the delivery of indigent defense services to eligible persons at a defendant's first court appearance before a judge. Since there was a two-year delay in implementation of the grant, this extension will align the grant term and end date with the actual three-year period that the grant funds will be utilized.

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
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