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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street Room 710
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Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Office of the Albany County Public Defender requests approval of the New York State's Office of Indigent Legal Services 3rd Upstate Quality Improvement grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 to be paid out over a period of three years. This grant will build on the work done under the first and second Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grants. Specifically, funds will be used to support enhanced defense services designed to provide effective representation for violent felony cases through the courts.

The 3rd Upstate Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction was set to begin in July 2020 and last through June 2023. However, the Public Defender's Office couldn't begin this grant until the 2nd Upstate Quality Improvement grant was spent down, which occurred in 2021, as authorized by Resolution 253 of 2020.

There is no match, and the grant was anticipated in the Department's 2022 budget. If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Herrick
Albany County Public Defender