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Ms. Linda J. Magnifico, Chair  
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Dear Ms. Magnifico:

Governor Paterson has asked me to respond to your letter regarding restoration of funding for civil legal services.

Although the State is facing a severe financial crisis, facing unprecedented deficit levels, the 30-Day Amendments did include \$1 million in funding for civil legal services to ensure continued support for core services. As we go forward in negotiations with the Legislature, we will keep your concerns in mind. Thank you for your commitment and support to this cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dennis J. Norton', written over a horizontal line.

Dennis J. Norton

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