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Hon. Joanne Cunningham
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

In Our Own Voices, Inc. has been providing services to LGBTQIA+ Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities of the capital region for 25 years. Located on Lark Street in the City of Albany, In Our Own Voices provides anti-violence services, health services, emergency assistance, legal services, HIV testing prevention and education, and more.

I respectfully request the County Legislature's authorization to provide \$300,000 to In Our Own Voices, Inc. to support their ongoing operations and enhance the services they provide to Albany County residents with the addition a food and clothing pantry, a resource center and library, and a youth drop-in center. Part of this collaboration will allow for monthly County department usage of IOOV facility space to conduct educational opportunities by the Department of Health, Department of Mental Health, Department of Social Services, and the Department for Children, Youth and Families. This will help County residents learn more about the County programs and services, and get connected to the resources that are available to them.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeny, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel