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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Legislative Clerk's Office  
112 State St., Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the following:

Albany County Department of Social Service (DSS) is required to provide per diem reimbursements to State-approved providers of residential services for domestic violence victims based upon case-specific eligibility. DSS is also required to enter into an annual contract with at least one local program.

Therefore, authorization is requested to contract with Equinox, Inc. to provide residential services for victims of domestic violence, provided through OCFS-licensed domestic violence shelters, safe homes, and safe dwellings.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave  
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
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