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Honorable Andrew Joyce
Legislative Clerk's Office
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

ANDREW
Dear Mr. Joyce:

The attached correspondence is forwarded for presentation to the Albany County Legislature.

Legislative approval is required in order to allow Albany County to apply for the FY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. This grant is part of the ongoing SHSP (State Homeland Security Program) grant program. We have not yet received our notification of the amount for 2020 however, the last several years this grant has been between \$115,000 and \$119,000. It has been decreasing a few hundred dollars each year. While we don't actually apply to receive this grant, we must submit an application form showing how the money will be spent on emergency management functions. Often, when we receive the application documents, there is a very short turnaround time to complete the application. As such, we are requesting approval to apply for this grant now. We expect to receive the application documents sometime summer of 2020.

The grant award allocated for Albany County last year was \$116,085 and covers the grant period 10/1/2018-9/30/2021. We expect to receive a similar amount for the period 10/1/2019-9/30/2022. These grant funds will be utilized to cover equipment, supplies and preparedness items used in our ongoing emergency management activities. As you know, the EOC will be moving to a renovated wing at the Shaker Place Rehabilitation & Nursing Center complex (the former Albany County Nursing Home). The grant has a 50% matching requirement. We will use salaries of our emergency management personnel as the match.

Should there be any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
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Sheriff

cc: Hon. Daniel P. McCoy, County Executive
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