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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Daniel McCoy – Albany County Executive
Honorable Andrew Joyce - Chairman of Albany County Legislature
Honorable Albany County Legislators

From: Bob Belber
General Manager

Date: March 16, 2021

Re: Request For Legislative Action – Albany Stadium Restaurant & Bar

Attached is a RLA form and backup information related to a proposal received from James Anilowski and Wendi Enright who owns and operates Tech Forward, Inc., which is a current tenant in the TU Center (in the old Talk 1300 space) and has been for the last three years; are now bringing two seasoned and very experienced people – Gloria Herman who owned Tesoros Café and Josh Schulze who is the former bar manager at 677 Prime to operate the new Albany Stadium Restaurant & Bar in the former Backstage Bar space.

James and Wendi's Tech Forward, Inc. business is a federally certified Veteran Owned Business and their IT business has greatly helped the TU Center for many years. They have put together an excellent team with extensive restaurant experience and they have innovative concepts that we believe will help them draw people to the restaurant on both event and non-event days for lunch and dinner. Due to the pandemic and what we believe will be a growing reactivation of employees coming back to offices as the pandemic subsides, the rent being offered is tiered to provide some assistance in the early years and it will increase over the five years. The restaurant will be open for lunch daily and for dinner on non-event days while also servicing patrons attending events.

I ask that Albany County approve this request for a lease of the former Backstage Bar with a proposed start date of June 1, 2021.

Sincerely,



Bob Belber
General Manager