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Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street
Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to award \$175,000 in Opioid Settlement Funding to Colonie EMS for the purpose of managing their "Leave Behind" Naloxone initiative and coordinating with behavioral health treatment providers and the Department of Mental Health's ACCORD and MOTOR programs. This project was selected for funding through a competitive grant application process and will be implemented over the next three years. The Leave Naloxone Behind program encourages and supports first responders in providing Naloxone to individuals who have experienced an opioid overdose or appear to be at risk of doing so. Seven Albany County agencies are already participating in this initiative, but there remains room to grow.

Feel free to contact me or Adam Kirkman if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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