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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Pursuant to 18 NYCRR 352.8, local Social Service districts are mandated to provide Temporary Housing Assistance to homeless individuals and families. Therefore, authorization is requested to contract with IPH (prev. Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless) to operate the South Ferry Shelter which provides shelter services to adults unable to secure shelter in other facilities.

This Shelter provides 20 emergency shelter beds in small occupancy rooms which are more appropriate for individuals with certain mental and/or behavioral health conditions experiencing homelessness. The Shelter can accommodate a mix of males and females depending on need.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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