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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The County Executive's Office is requesting permission to accept an award from New York State County Infrastructure Grant Program (CIPG), in the amount of \$425,000. This grant award would provide funding to reconstruct the foundation and renovate the interior of the historic Freight Depot at 839 Kenwood Avenue. The renovated depot building, at the trailhead of the Albany County Rail Trail, would serve as an open community facility that will be used for gathering and recreation, adding to the Rail Trail's ability to serve the community and aid in place-making for the County. This will benefit not only individuals in the county, but the businesses along the Rail Trail as well.

In addition to the CIPG award, the Innovation Partnership between Albany County and MVP Health Care has pledged a grant of \$300,000 to support this project.

This award supports Albany County's commitment to the health and well-being of the public as well as inviting visitors to our beautiful and vibrant community.

If any further information is required or if you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Ziegler

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