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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a contract in 2026 with Unity House of Troy (formally Northeast Career Planning-The Workshop) for the provision of supported education, transformed business model, PROS and sheltered workshop services to Albany County citizens suffering from mental illness. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) will provide pass through funding to Unity House of Troy through Albany County Department of Mental Health for \$434,459. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2026 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director of Mental Health

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