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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) respectfully requests legislative approval to renew a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County to assist in the provision of Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) outreach and certification services. HEAP aims to alleviate the financial burden of heating and related costs for low-income households.

HEAP is federally funded, and in New York State, overseen by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). DSS serves as the lead local agency responsible for HEAP and is encouraged by OTDA to maintain a local network and partner with a non-DSS site to share the responsibility of HEAP outreach and certification throughout Albany County. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County meets these requirements.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeny, Majority Leader
Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Esq., Minority Counsel

Fiscal Impact: 20% Federal and 80% County - \$180,000 allocated under Fees for Service (A96010.44046.10000) in the Approved 2025 DSS Budget. Revenue Account/Line AA6010 04610 for \$35,200.