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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Legislative Clerk's Office
112 State St., Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the following:

Local Social Services districts are mandated to provide temporary shelter for homeless persons. Therefore, authorization is requested to contract with Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH) to provide transitional shelter for homeless persons in Albany County within a 30 bed facility serving both males and females.

The IPH shelter is equipped with an elevator and handicapped access for the disabled; the shelter also has a single room for at-risk individuals such as transgender persons. The shelter provides three meals per day, case management and supportive services to assist clients in addressing their barriers to permanent housing.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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