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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 Service districts are required to provide emergency/transitional shelter to homeless individuals and families. This proposed contract renewal represents a transitional/enhanced services agreement targeting residents with mental health, alcohol/substance abuse, health, developmental, and other disabilities or special needs.

Therefore, authorization is requested to renew an agreement with Catholic Charities to provide emergency and transitional shelter for homeless persons, including room and board, linkage to community services and assistance in securing permanent housing and/or residential placement at two facilities (Mercy House and St. Charles Lwanga Center).

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

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