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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Rm 710
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Chairwoman Cunningham,

We respectfully request to transfer funds from the Albany County Improvement Initiative funding to the Department of Mental Health to fund part of the Street Psychiatry pilot program. Street Psychiatry is an innovative strategy for delivering community behavioral health services to vulnerable populations, many of whom may be unhoused. It is a nationally recognized model of engaging individuals in need who have traditionally been unable or reluctant to engage with traditional office-based behavioral health services. This program will build upon existing community behavioral health resources and will complement and enhance the current range of DMH behavioral health services and supports, including community crisis response and outreach. This program will include additional staff for public outreach, support, and treatment for vulnerable and unhoused populations in the county.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader

Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel