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

Dear Mr. Joyce,

Authorization is requested to renew an agreement with Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless who will operate the Sister Mavis Jewell Medical Respite (MRH) for the Homeless, which will house and serve adult men and women who are homeless and being discharged from an inpatient hospital setting with ongoing medical needs.

MRH provides a public need in the Capital District that has not been met by other agencies or programs. Currently, individuals in inpatient hospital settings, with no stable home to which they can safely return, are discharged to DSS to be referred to emergency homeless shelters. Individuals who are unable or unwilling to utilize shelters may be discharged to the street. MRH will provide a safe space for homeless individuals to recover from illness, surgery or injury and receive supportive services which will enhance their recovery.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave  
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
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