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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 required to provide temporary shelter for homeless persons. Therefore, authorization is requested to renew a contract with Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless to provide emergency and transitional shelter for homeless persons in Albany County within a 30 bed facility serving both males and females.

This Interfaith 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. Also, eight beds at Interfaith are set aside for hospital discharges or other individuals who have special needs/disabilities such as mental illness, alcohol/substance abuse, mental/developmental disability or medical frailty.

Sincerely,

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