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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The County Executive's Office, on behalf of the Department of Health and Division of Information Services, respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a 1-year no cost extension of the NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services' (DHSES) FY2018 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant. As authorized by Resolution 514 of 2018, this grant originally ended on August 31, 2021. However, as of the end of August, there was approximately \$50,000 unspent out of a \$452,000 award. The delay in spending by the end of the grant's term is directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic as the Health Department was forced to shift priorities and engage in an all-hands effort to respond to the pandemic. Recognizing that COVID-19 played an outsized role in the Health Department's delay in implementing some of its planned preparedness initiatives, the NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services has offered a 1 year extension on the grant period of performance until 8/31/2022. The total award amount remains unchanged, and the grant was previously anticipated in County budget cycles.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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