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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Executive's Office, on behalf of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Division of Information Services (DIS), and the Albany County Sheriff's Office respectfully request legislative authorization to accept the Fiscal Year 2020 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which are administered through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES).

The County was awarded a total of \$536,242 in funding; 1) \$506,242 under FY2020 SHSP for the Department of Health and the Division of Information Services, and 2) \$30,000 under SLETPP for the Sheriff's Office. The County Executive and Sheriff require separate contracts with NYS DHSES.

Upon acceptance of the grant, the DOH intends to use \$321,563 for the continued coordination of emergency preparedness programs, trainings, and exercises (including the sustainment of the Albany County Citizen Corps and health preparedness planning). The DIS anticipates using \$184,679 for enhancements to County cyber security and County-owned critical infrastructure (including video surveillance, detection equipment, and data security). The Sheriff's Office anticipates using \$30,000 from the FY2020 SLETPP grant for operational overtime costs.

The DOH will budget their grant money into subsequent annual County budgets. The DIS and Sherriff's Office request budget amendments to include their award amounts in the current 2020 Budget. State Homeland Security Program and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program grants are both 100% federally funded with no County match requirement.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader cc:

Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader

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