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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to amend the 2025 Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) budget and to accept funding in the amount of \$19,874 from NYS Office of Mental Health. ACDMH has received the funds for our Mobile Crisis Unit, to provide support, training and maximize billing. This will allow for better care provision and improved efficacy. The Mobile Crisis Unit seeks to improve a behavioral health crisis by engaging with an individual in crisis, reducing their immediate symptoms, and stabilizing this individual. Mobile Crisis teams are dispatched to an individual's home or any community location where a crisis may be occurring, to provide brief intervention and facilitate access to other crisis/behavioral health services. This is 100% State-Funded.

Feel free to contact me or Michael Fitzgerald if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Giordano, Ph.D.  
Director of Mental Health

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