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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests approval to amend the 2026 budget to transfer \$356,724 in New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) pass-through State Aid funds from the Albany County Department of Mental Health to the Albany County Sheriff's Office to support jail-based addiction services.

This reallocation is reflected in the attached budget amendment. Please note that the transfer consists entirely of State Aid funding (100%).

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director of Mental Health

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