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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 enter into a contract in 2025 with Mental Health Empowerment Project (MHEP) for the provision of Homeless peer advocacy and support to Albany County citizens suffering from mental illness. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) will provide pass through funding to MHEP through Albany County Department of Mental Health for \$134,910. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2025 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

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

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.  
Director

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
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