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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

I respectfully request the County Legislature's permission to contract with Legends Global for Authorization to enter into an agreement with Legends Global for the operation and management of the Civic Center (MVP Arena). Legends Global Arena (previously Spectator Management Group (SMG)) is the current operator of the Civic Center. Their original contract was Authorized under Resolution 323 of 2019 for a five-year term with a one-year renewal, set to expire 12/31/2025. Resolution 142 of 2022 extended the term of the 2019 agreement on the grounds of COVID, which is now set to expire 12/31/2027.

Legends Global has requested a renewal with all terms remaining the same, but would also include the addition of taking over food and beverage services for the Civic Center and agreeing to build a new VIP room for the Civic Center Arena. Food and beverage services will be assumed when the contract with the current provider expires on 12/31/2027 and all terms will remain the same. This contract will have a term of twelve years beginning on 1/1/2028 with a six-year mutual renewal option.

As has been precedent for the past renewals for the Civic Center The Albany County Purchasing Agent and County Attorney have indicated that, due to the unique nature of the agreement, the procurement requirements contained within Section 103 of the New York State General Municipal Law are satisfied and no bid process is required, and that it is appropriate for the Legislature to waive the County procurement policy, given that it has been determined that it is in the County's best interest to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

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