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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
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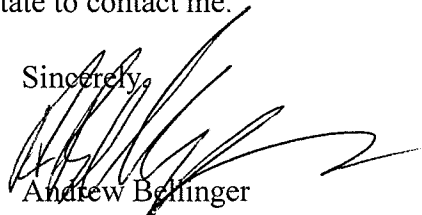
Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Division of Information Services is respectfully requesting permission to use ARPA Funding that was disbursed to our Division, via Resolution 305, to replace the existing internet firewalls and improving infrastructure speed and reliability. The total cost of the project has changed from \$336,000 to \$380,000. We are also respectfully requesting an amendment to the budget approved for this project.

A core firewall upgrade has been needed for some time. This project would include hardware and consulting services to replace Albany County's primary and backup internet firewalls. The project would include the procurement of new next generation firewalls (NGFW) to replace legacy hardware that is currently in place. Additionally, this project will include consulting services to help in facilitating a network redesign that would improve the County's Cyber Security posture while also improving infrastructure speed and reliability. This project will continue to improve Albany County's Cyber Security Program and its efforts to protect all county and resident Protected Health Information and Personally Identifiable Information.

If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Andrew Bellinger

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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