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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Room 710  
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Dear Chairman Joyce:

I am submitting the enclosed Request for Legislative Action to extend the contract between The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center. The Coronavirus pandemic significantly impacted the implementation of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children *Children First* Initiative. The partnership between The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NYSPCC) and the Athlete Assistance Fund (AAF) is committed to working with CVSVC to provide this critical training between September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. This effort seeks to prevent child sexual abuse in the sport of gymnastics. This pilot project will connect CVSVC with gymnastics clubs across the Capital Region to provide training and education on child sexual abuse prevention and serve as local child protection experts to gymnastics clubs staff. CVSVC will receive free training and technical assistance on a child sexual abuse prevention curriculum. The funding is based on the number of trainings provided to the clubs and is capped at \$10,000.

I appreciate your consideration this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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