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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests to formally waive residency requirements in order to interview and retain critical clinical staff who do not reside in Albany County.

We have diligently sought qualified applicants for numerous full-time clinical vacancies and have been unable to locate a sufficient number of qualified applicants who reside in Albany County. We are, therefore, requesting permission to continue to hire clinical personnel in all categories who may not live in our County.

We respectfully request to waive these residency requirements. It should be noted that we will continue to secure required clinical staff who reside in the County of Albany whenever possible.

Feel free to contact Mark Gleason or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

c: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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