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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department for Mental Health is requesting legislative authorization to amend Resolution No.461 adopted on 11/10/2025. We are requesting approval to accept additional funding for Equinox, from New York State Office of Mental Health. This funding will provide additional needed services to Albany County residents. New York State Office of Mental Health has advised that there is additional funding for Equinox services in the amount of \$61,597, which is 100% state funded.

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

Sincerely

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director of Mental Health

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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