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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman Albany County Legislature 112 State Street, Room 710 Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Executive's Office, on behalf of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Division of Information Services (DIS), and the Albany County Sheriff's Office respectfully request legislative authorization to accept the Fiscal Year 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) grants from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES).

The County was awarded a total of \$635,474 in funding: 1) \$565,212 under FY2021 SHSP for the Department of Health and the Division of Information Services, and 2) \$70,262 under FY2021 SLETPP for the Sheriff's Office. The County Executive and Sheriff require separate contracts with NYS DHSES.

The SHSP and SLETPP annual funding opportunities support sustainment of existing capabilities and development of new ones. The DOH intends to use \$381,212 for the continued coordination of emergency preparedness programs, trainings, equipment and exercises (including the sustainment of the Albany County Citizen Corps and health preparedness planning). The DIS anticipates using \$184,000 for cyber security (including data storage, threat detection equipment, and multi-factor authentication). The Sheriff's Office anticipates using \$70,262 awarded under FY2021 SLETPP grant for security enhancements to critical infrastructure.

The DOH and DIS will budget their grant money into subsequent annual County budgets. The Sherriff's Office requests a budget amendment to include their award amount in the current 2021 Budget. State Homeland Security Program and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program grants are both 100% state funded with no County match requirement.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader cc:

Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader

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