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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Legislative Clerk's Office  
112 State St., Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the following:

Local social service districts are required to provide emergency shelter to Temporary Assistance-eligible homeless families. Therefore, authorization is requested to renew an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children to operate the Marillac Residence.

The Marillac Residence is a State-certified Tier II Family Shelter and, as such, is subject to State regulations governing shelter and service provision including the establishment of per diem rates for facility operation by NYS OTDA.

Operational costs incorporated within the rate include all staffing and costs of providing shelter and services, including the following required services as per NYS regulations: case management services for employment and educational opportunities to ensure self-sufficiency, re-housing assistance, legal services, health assessments, medical referrals and childcare services.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave  
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cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
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