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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/transitional shelter to homeless individuals. Therefore, authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless to operate Mercy House located at 12 St. Joseph St., Albany.

This is a 20 bed emergency and transitional shelter which will provide shelter services to adult men and women, including room and board, linkage to needed community services and assistance in securing permanent housing and/or residential placement.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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