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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of the Albany County Executive respectfully requests authorization to apply for Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grant funding up to \$1.3 million. The COSSAP grant is administered by the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. COSSAP funding would be used to support Albany LEAD's new initiative, 'Growing LEAD: Increasing Operational Capacity to Improve and Expand Service in Albany County.' This new effort will build upon the successful foundation that Albany LEAD has already established. Operational capacity will be increased with four new case manager positions, a part-time Data Analyst to strengthen its data analysis collection and expansion with regard to Albany Police Departments arrest and diversion data, Catholic Charities data on client characteristics and experiences and LEAD data from other participating municipalities. This investment into Albany LEAD will provide LEAD services to the communities surrounding the city of Albany and serve as a proof of concept that LEAD can operate well outside of urban cities. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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