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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman Albany County Legislature 112 State St., Room 710 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Albany County Department of Social Service (DSS) respectfully requests legislative approval to renew an agreement with the Montgomery County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. (Liberty ARC) to provide Employment Success Coaching and related services for recipients of Public Assistance as required by federal and state law. Liberty ARC will provide employment success coaching and resource services to assist Temporary Assistance recipients who are employed in low-wage entry-level positions and are experiencing barriers to work.

Liberty ARC and its Career & Employment Network (CEN) is the exclusive operator of the Capital Region Employer Resource Network (ERN), one of 25 such programs across the United States designed to support employees and improve workforce retention in the Capital Region of New York. The program helps local businesses retain engaged and skilled workers while reducing turnover costs, creating a better workplace culture, and improving performance by deploying Success Coaches to member businesses.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz Acting Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader

Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel