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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a contract in 2025 with Unity House of Troy (formally Northeast Career Planning-The Workshop) for the provision of supported education, transformed business model, PROS and sheltered workshop services to Albany County citizens suffering from mental illness. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) will provide pass through funding to Unity House of Troy through Albany County Department of Mental Health for \$409,595. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2025 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.  
Director

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
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