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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:

Pursuant to 22-OCFS-LCM-25 federal funds are available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services to provide resources to enhance, improve and expand adult protective services (APS) ability to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation. These service will be administered by the NYS Office of Child and Family Services.

Approval is requested to accept this allocation, which will be utilized to provide homecare services, printing and advertising materials to increase elder abuse awareness, overtime for workers to assist clients, and crisis intervention, de-escalation and mental health training. In addition, the funds will be used to engage and partner with mental health service provider(s) for the provision of a mental health consultation and intervention services for Protective Clients in shelter or emergency situations.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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