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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a contract in 2022 with Equinox for the provision of supported housing, health home, advocacy and service dollar management services to Albany County citizens suffering from mental illness. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) will provide pass through funding to Equinox through Albany County Department of Mental Health in the amount of \$965,865. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2022 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

Feel free to contact Mark Gleason 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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