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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) requests contract authorizations with the cities of Albany, Cohoes, and Watervliet. The contracts will provide incentives for these cities to inform ACDOH's Social Determinants of Health Accelerator (SDOH) Plan and improve the health of at-risk Albany County residents. Albany, Cohoes, and Watervliet were chosen because these municipalities have an elevated prevalence of chronic disease. The cities will attend the CDTC Complete Streets Symposium workshop; assist with applicable Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation Assessment indicators; promote resident participation in an SDOH survey; assist with implementing an SDOH focus group; and provide resulting feedback to inform ACDOH's SDOH Accelerator Plan.

These contracts with Albany, Cohoes, and Watervliet will be funded by the Closing the Gap with Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plans grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which the ACDOH was awarded in 2022. This grant aids in the development of multisector action plans to address SDOH, which are the nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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Enclosures



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