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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Re: Request for Legislative Action
to enter into an agreement with Columbia
University to screen and service Juvenile
Justice youth at risk of suicide

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Albany County Probation would like to enter into a collaboration with Columbia University, Chestnut Health Systems, and NYS OMH. The project is to provide intervention to youth who may be at risk of suicide and share data. Juvenile Justice Youth would complete a mental health screen on equipment provided by Columbia University. The screen would then be scored by Probation staff and then provide a referral to the Department of Children, Youth and Families and the Children's Mental Health Clinic.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (518) 487-5194.

Sincerely,

William Connors
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cc: Honorable Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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