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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Department for Aging is requesting the Legislature's approval for the following;

To accept the Title III-E Elder Caregiver Support Program grant from the New York State Office for Aging. This grant funding provides support and assistance for older adults and their caregivers in Albany County. Frail older adults receive about 80% of their care from family members and friends.

Grant Award Amount – \$316,743.92  
Grant Term – 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021  
Funding Source – Federal - 75% County - 25%  
Budget Amendment – No  
Revenue Account – A6772 . 04777

During the past contract year the Albany County Department for Aging provided caregivers and care receivers 60 years of age or older with assistance through the III-E Caregiver Support Programs. The program assists caregivers (spouses, adult children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors) in their efforts to care for older adults in their homes in the community. The goal is to provide caregivers support based on their circumstances and needs. The caregiver supportive services include; information and assistance, educational training programs, counseling, support groups, social and medical adult day programs, in home respite, personal emergency response (PERS) and assisted transportation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano  
Commissioner

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
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