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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of the Albany County Executive respectfully requests authorization to accept funding for Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grant funding in the amount of \$898,062. The COSSAP grant is administered by the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs.

COSSAP funding will be used to support Albany LEAD's new initiative, 'Growing LEAD: Increasing Operational Capacity to Improve and Expand Service in Albany County.' This new effort will build upon the successful foundation that Albany LEAD has already established. Operational capacity will be increased with the addition of case managers, a full time Project Manager and Community Engagement and Outreach Coordinator to improve coordination between partners and the public, increase public awareness of LEAD, and develop policies and procedures to better serve LEAD communities. This investment into Albany LEAD will provide LEAD services to entirely new communities within Albany County and serve as a proof of concept that LEAD can operate well outside of urban cities.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy

Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader

Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel

Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel