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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Legislative Clerk's Office  
112 State St., Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the following:

The Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) is requesting permission to accept a federal allocation from the NYS Office of Family and Child Services in the amount of \$79,245. These funds are being made available to provide DSS with resources related to our response during the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency. Funds will be used to enhance, improve, and expand DSS' Adult Protective Services (APS) investigation of allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation in the context of COVID-19 as follows:

Improving and supporting remote work, by purchasing communication and technology hardware, software, and infrastructure materials; Conducting community outreach; Providing goods and services to Adult Protective Services clients related to COVID-19; Acquiring personal protection equipment and supplies and assisting Adult Protective Service clients with securing the least restrictive option for emergency or alternative housing, and obtaining, providing, or coordinating with care transitions as appropriate

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave  
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
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