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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

I respectfully request the Legislature's approval to apply for a \$15,000 grant through the 2021 AARP Community Challenge program. As part of this grant program, AARP is soliciting grants for projects that will, among other things, "create vibrant public places that improve open spaces," as well as "deliver a range of transportation and mobility options that increase connectivity and walkability and bikeability."

Since its completion, the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail has been an indispensable resource for exercise, recreation and opportunities to enjoy nature for people of all ages. Not only does it connect communities across the county, but it also serves as alternative to traditional forms of transportation. However, because of its popularity and the mixture of pedestrians and bicyclists, the Rail Trail can at times be deemed dangerous because of those traveling at excessive speeds.

With this grant funding, we plan to add signage to the Rail Trail, as well as enlist the help of local artists and the Art on the Rail Trail Committee to create murals that raise awareness and enhance safety on this popular attraction.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

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