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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

I am requesting authorization to apply for and accept Complete Count Census Outreach funding from New York State. New York State (NYS) has made funding available for each County in the state to support complete count efforts for the 2020 Census. Based on an allocation developed by the state, Albany County is eligible to receive \$299,173 to support census outreach. The attached call letter describes the methodology used by the state to determine funding allocations.

Empire State Development, the New York Department of State and the New York Department of Labor have been selected as the state agencies responsible for administering the census funding. The funding will be made available for use in line with the recommendations of the New York State Complete Count Commission and its final report entitled, "A Roadmap to Achieving a Complete 2020 Census Count in New York State."

Albany County has been actively involved in promoting a complete count. Our efforts have included fighting the citizenship question, partnering with the Census Bureau to promote hiring efforts, participating in Census forums, encouraging municipalities to form Complete Count Committees, and including funding in our 2020 Budget for outreach targeted toward Hard-to-Count populations. The County would divide this funding into three categories: (1) Countywide outreach efforts led by the Office of the County Executive; (2) pass-through funding to municipalities; and (3) funding for community groups who are trusted voices in the community.

Due to the time-sensitive nature of this request we ask that the Legislature authorize the County Executive to apply for funding, contract with NYS, and amend the 2020 County Budget to accept census funding. Ensuring a Complete Count is vital to the future of Albany County and New York State.

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

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel P. McCoy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "M".

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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