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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the Department of Social Services (DSS) to enter into agreements with NYS approved providers for Expanded In-Home Services to the Elderly Program (EISEP). EISEP home care services are provided to eligible persons to enable them to remain in their own homes, thus precluding or delaying more costly nursing home care.

EISEP consumers have the option to choose to receive services under traditional home care or through consumer direction. Consumers (or their representatives) who receive services under the consumer directed in-home services model will be responsible for interviewing, selecting, scheduling, training, supervising and dismissing their selected in-home aides.

Under the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), NYS-approved providers will act as fiscal intermediary and paymaster of record for home aides delivering in-home services to EISEP clients. The providers will deliver or arrange for local assistance, quality assurance, and will facilitate peer support for eligible recipients electing to utilize the CDPAP option.

Approximately 91 clients are currently being served under the EISEP Program.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
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