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

Dear Chairman Joyce,

Under a Memorandum of Understanding between the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and Albany County, the County receives annual federal funding in the amount of \$245,145 for the provision of child care registration services and associated Albany County Department of Social Services administrative costs.

The Albany County Department of Social Services is seeking approval to renew this agreement with OCFS and for the County to receive State funding for the project. The Department is also requesting authorization to renew our subcontract with Brightside Up, Inc. to perform registration, inspection and oversight responsibilities for childcare providers in Albany County.

Brightside Up provides the registration and inspection of all childcare providers in Albany County through comprehensive evaluations and reviews such as health requirements, safety requirements, criminal history checks, child abuse and maltreatment checks. They also conduct investigations and track complaints made against providers, provide outreach to low income neighborhoods in a concentrated effort to network and continually develop family day care providers. In addition they assist families in finding safe and qualified child care, provide training to providers and parents alike in areas such as early learning and development as well nutrition and physical activity.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave
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cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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