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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Cunningham:

The Department for Aging is requesting the Legislature's approval for the following;

To accept the Go-Go Grandparent grant funding from New York State Office for Aging. This grant funding will support an initiative for on demand transportation for older adults residing in Albany County through a platform/application called Go-Go Grandparent. This transportation service will complement Department for Aging's existing vital transportation services through Access Transit, Inc., by offering non-medical/essential transportation. The platform/application will be connected to providers such as Lyft, Uber and other local transport offerings for older adults in need of this type of transportation.

The grant funding supports a performance based program, which will determine the sustainability of the program. The need and usage throughout the year will be data collected through Go-Go Grandparent's database and will show the need for this type of transportation for future funding. This grant will offer an estimated 2500 additional non-medical /essential transportation units the Department for Aging will offer to older adults residing in Albany County.

Grant Amount – \$75,000.00

Contract Term – 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025

Revenue Account – Aging –A36772.0.3792

Budget Amendment – Yes

Funding Source – 100% State

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano
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cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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