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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of the County Executive is requesting that the Legislature schedule public hearings for two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - CARES Act Applications. Per program requirements, Applicant communities must conduct a public hearing before a quorum of the full legislative body in compliance with NYS Citizen Participation requirements, prior to submitting a full application for funding.

Project 1: Under this proposed project Albany County would partner with the Albany County Land Bank, a 501c(3) to rehabilitate (3) two-unit residential buildings into affordable homeownership opportunities for members of underserved and vulnerable populations that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Under this proposal, Albany County with the Albany County Land Bank as sub-recipient, would utilize CDBG funds to fully rehabilitate three vacant structures, which are owned by the Albany County Land Bank. The Albany County Land Bank is exploring rehabilitating additional vacant buildings in the project area under New York State HCR's Legacy Cities Program. Under that program, other vacant buildings in the project area could be transformed into additional affordable homeownership opportunities for members of underserved and vulnerable populations.

Project 2: Public Services Project - Support for Mental Health Services. A 4-pronged strategy to bolster mental health system supports in underserved areas of Albany County. Total Cost: \$389.890:

- 1. Expanding Albany Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) Client Engagement Capacity
- 2. Improving Outcomes and Cross-Systems Management of Albany County Mental Health Patient Services Coordinating Committee (PSCC)
- 3. Expanding Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Provision in Rural Hilltowns
- 4. Expanding Alternative Mental Health Related Crisis Response in Rural Hilltowns

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

Sincerely

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