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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
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Dear Chairwomen Cunningham

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a 2026 contract with Homeless and Travelers Aid Society (HATAS) for the provision of supported housing, transportation and outreach services to Albany County citizens suffering from mental illness. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) will provide pass through funding to Homeless and Travelers Aid Society (HATAS) for \$812,074. The funding was anticipated in the 2026 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director of Mental Health

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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