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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
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Dear Chairman Joyce:

I am submitting the enclosed Request for Legislative Action for approval on behalf of the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center (CVSVC) to apply to the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for funding for a new project. The *Children First* Initiative, a partnership between The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NYSPCC) and the Athlete Assistance Fund (AAF), seeks to prevent child sexual abuse in the sport of gymnastics. This pilot project will connect CVSVC with gymnastics clubs across the Capital Region to provide training and education on child sexual abuse prevention and serve as local child protection experts to gymnastics clubs staff. CVSVC will receive free training and technical assistance on a child sexual abuse prevention curriculum. The funding is based on the number of trainings provided to the clubs and is capped at \$10,000.

With this new project, we are looking to create a Community Education Coordinator as this community education and mobilization has become a substantial amount of our work and our funding. We are looking to convert the Prevention Educator funding line to the new Coordinator position. We believe this funding will continue and we will have the opportunity to charge other sports clubs for this specialized training in the future.

The deadline for the application is March 18, 2020 and the award was made shortly thereafter. Given the very tight turnaround, I am requesting to be able to accept the award.

Back up material is provided for your review. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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