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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) is requesting approval to seek out-of-county candidates for the position of Assistant Director of Environmental Health. Given the unique specialty requirements and responsibilities attached to this position, the department has had difficulty recruiting qualified in- county candidates with requisite skills and experience.

The department posted the position online and reached out to representatives of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO). Neither resulted in identifying qualified in-county candidates. Having the ability to consider out-of-County candidates will increase the pool of individuals with the needed skillset.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH Commissioner of Health

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel Minority Counsel

Enclosures



Albany County Department of Health is nationally accredited and meets rigorous public health standards set forth to best meet the needs of our community.