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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) requests permission to amend the 2021 Health department budget. In November 2020, five per-diem COVID -19 case investigators were hired to work on weekends, evenings and holidays to ensure daily cases are investigated when full time staff are off. Due to the surge in cases, the per-diem employees are now working 35 hours per week. We are requesting \$140,000 be transferred to our per-diem line in order to allow these employees to work 35 hours each week until June 2021. Also, there is a Public Health Technician line in our budget that is short \$341 dollars for 2021 due to a contractual step increase, we are requesting that line to be increased.

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
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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.