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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Legislative Clerk's Office  
112 State St., Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the following:

Pursuant to 18 NYCRR 352.8 local Social Service districts are mandated to provide emergency/transitional shelter to homeless individuals and families. With the closure of Mercy House women's emergency transitional shelter in 2022, there is a need for a female emergency transitional shelter in Albany County. Peter Young Industries, Inc. is willing and able to accommodate this need and therefore, permission is requested to enter into an agreement with the Thornton Ave. Shelter, to house homeless, single women.

The shelter is located at 50 Thornton Ave. in Albany and is designed to support ten clients in six individual bedrooms and also provides two full bathrooms. The facility has a full kitchen and clients are able to receive three meals daily.

The Thornton Ave. Shelter will have an assigned house manager as well as residential aides to cover all shifts with 24/7 supervision. Staff will be available to accept new admissions 24/7 and administrative support will be provided through the Peter Young Industries housing office.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave  
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader  
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