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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for IPH to operate the low-barrier Safe Haven Code Blue Shelter from November through April, for homeless adults who have no other options for shelter and would otherwise reside on the street, in abandoned buildings, or in other places not meant for human habitation.

Safe Haven provides overnight shelter, a hot meal, and access to free laundry services, showers, clothing and hygiene items and case management services. Safe Haven is open every night between 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m., staffed by at least four IPH employees working during the evening shift and at least two overnights. IPH is also open over the weekends during extreme weather conditions, as needed. IPH has a Lead Attendant to be the onsite supervisor as well as for scheduling, call outs, etc.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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