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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is a Request for Legislative Action (RLA) for the August meeting of the Legislature. Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) requests approval to apply for and enter into a contract with NYS for the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee 2021 General Highway Safety Grant Program. ACDOH has been notified of a \$25,000 grant award for the grant year 2020 – 2021. Presently, ACDOH's 2020 General Highway Safety Grant Program addresses pedestrian safety for the Central Avenue corridor in the City of Albany. The City of Albany accounts for 65% of pedestrian crashes in Albany County and is the primary target population for the 2020 – 2021 initiative. Our intent for the 2021 application is to:

- Expand scale of public awareness activities
- Expand geographic "footprint" of program – i.e. extend along Rt. 5 (Central Avenue) into the Town of Colonie, Village of Colonies
- Directly complements Complete Streets activities (City of Albany)

The \$25,000 grant award will be placed in the 2021 Health department budget.

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.