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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department for Aging is requesting the Legislature's approval for the following;

To accept grant funding and for Albany County Department for Aging to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Albany County Department of Social Services for the NY Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program. NY Connects is an essential component of the State's efforts to rebalance the long-term services and support systems so that people can live independently and remain at home and in their communities.

NY Connect services are available to older adults and their caregivers. The core functions of NY Connects include; the provision of the NY Connects No Wrong Door Screening Process, information and assistance, application and enrollment assistance for public benefit programs, coordination with other agencies to guide individuals through the eligibility processes, counseling options, care transitions, and data collection and reporting.

Grant Award Amount – \$400,821.00
Grant Term – 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026
Budget Amendment – No Mandate – No

Funding Source – 100% - State
Revenue Account – Aging -AA6772, 03789
Prior Resolution – No. 548

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano
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cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
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