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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Albany County Department of Social Service (Social Services) is required to provide per diem reimbursements to State-approved providers of domestic violence residential services (RDV) based on case-specific eligibility, as well as to enter into an annual contract with at least one local OCFS-licensed RDV program. Therefore, Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval to contract with Equinox, Inc. for \$700,000 to provide residential services for victims of domestic violence residing in Albany County.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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