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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chair
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The County Executive's Office is requesting that the Legislature, pursuant to Local Law No.2 of 1998, declare 770 Albany Shaker Road (parcel no. 30.-2-13) in the Town of Colonie "no longer necessary for public use". Additionally, authorization is requested to convey ~19.68 acres of the abovementioned parcel to the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) for an amount of \$4,567,500. The conveyance will facilitate the construction of a new Division Headquarters for the New York Army National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division. The County's appraisal valued the property at \$3,760,000. The request only pertains to the former Heritage Park site and does not involve the site of the former Ann Lee Home.

The Division of Military and Naval Affairs is proposing to construct a ~\$120 million 140,000 square foot LEED Certified facility that would generate 24-30 months of prevailing wage construction jobs. Once completed, approximately 60 full-time soldiers will work at the facility which represent new jobs in the County. In addition to the active-duty employees who will work at the facility, it will host monthly assembly weekends and trainings that will bring approximately 500 part-time soldiers to the site and generate economic impact through lodging, food, and transportation spending in the County.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Daniel P. McCoy
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cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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