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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

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

To accept the stimulus funding for Title III-E Elder Caregiver Support Program from the New York State Office for Aging. This grant funding provides support and assistance for older adults and their caregivers in Albany County. Frail older adults receive about 80% of their care from family members and friends.

Stimulus Award Amount – \$123,060.00

Term – 4/1/2021 to 9/30/2024

Funding Source – Federal – 100%

Budget Amendment – No

Revenue Account – A6772.04777

During the past contract year the Albany County Department for Aging provided caregivers and care receivers 60 years of age or older with assistance through the III-E Caregiver Support Programs. The program assists caregivers (spouses, adult children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors) in their efforts to care for older adults in their homes in the community. The goal is to provide caregivers support based on their circumstances and needs. The caregiver supportive services include; information and assistance, educational training programs, counseling, support groups, social and medical adult day programs, in home respite, personal emergency response (PERS) and assisted transportation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano
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