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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Legislative Clerk's Office  
112 State St., Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the following:

Authorization is requested to contract with the Capital Area Council of Churches to provide mandated emergency services for the Department of Social Service clients.

This is a seasonal shelter which serves homeless men 18 years and older who are chronically homeless with no other shelter options. This population of homeless is by reason suffering from mental illness or addiction and unable to stay in other more traditional shelters or motels. The shelter serves residents who live on the street and under bridges, primarily in the City of Albany. For many, this shelter is the last door they find open to them.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave  
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
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