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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwomen Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a 2025 contract with Capital Area Peer Services (CAPS) for the provision of peer advocacy and support, care line and consumer drop in center services to Albany County citizens suffering from mental illness. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) will provide pass through funding to Capital Area Peer Services for \$526,620. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2025 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.  
Director

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
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