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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is a Request for Legislative Action (RLA) for the May meeting of the Legislature. Albany County Department of Health has been notified of a one year extension to our existing Healthy Neighborhood Program (HNP) contract. This was previously a 6-year contract set to expire on March 31, 2020. The HPN is designed to provide preventative environmental health services to targeted geographic areas, usually comprised of low-income families, living in homes and neighborhoods with a disproportionate number of residential hazards. ACDOH will subcontract with Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County to implement the program in the following targeted areas: City of Albany, NY, zip codes 12202, 12206, 12208, 12209, 12210. These communities have been identified based on data collected from more than 1,200 HNP home visits in the past 4 years. ACDOH is requesting approval to amend our current contract with NYS with an updated contract end date of March 31, 2021. All revenues and expenditures were anticipated and included in the Health Department budget.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel
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Enclosures



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