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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Room 710
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Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Albany County Department of Social Service (DSS) is required to provide per diem reimbursements to State-approved providers of residential services for domestic violence victims based on case-specific eligibility. DSS is also required to enter into an annual contract with at least one local program.

Therefore, DSS respectfully requests legislative approval to contract with Equinox, Inc. for \$700,000 to provide residential services for victims of domestic violence, provided through OCFS-licensed domestic violence shelters, safe homes, and safe dwellings.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz
Acting Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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