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Don Reeb
5 Norwood Street
Albany, New York 12203

RE: 1249 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203

Dear Mr. Reeb,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Mental Health (OMH) regarding concerns about a property located at 1249 Western Avenue in Albany. OMH is committed to providing safe, quality housing to individuals with mental illness, and to being a positive member of the community.

OMH receives an appropriation each year dedicated to the preservation of housing properties that receive operating funding through our agency. You will be happy to learn OMH has already committed to dedicating funds to the renovation of this site. This site has been assessed by an architect, along with other environmental professionals, and they have determined there are no immediate safety issues putting individuals in jeopardy. They are currently continuing their assessment and developing a plan to proceed, but we anticipate renovation to this project will begin in the coming months. There has been funding allocated to address all the issues identified in your letter, including cosmetic issues such as landscaping.

Again, we thank you for reaching out to express your concerns. With good community partners such as yourself, we can continue to ensure we provide the highest level of housing to our consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moira Tashjian".

Moira Tashjian, MPA
Associate Commissioner
Adult Community Care Group
Office of Mental Health