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Hon. John J. Mills
Chairman, Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: PBA Support of 2:00 a.m. Tavern Closing Time

Dear Chairman Mills,

The Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers wishes to go on record in support of Erie County's proposed change of tavern closing time to 2 am.

One of the stated mission priorities of the New York State Troopers is to "reduce the deaths, injuries and property damage caused by motor vehicle accidents..." We believe decreasing the hours in which alcohol can be imbibed will greatly advance our efforts in this regard.

Further, it is our experience that many of our most tragic accidents happen in these extremely late hours. In addition, the fact that all counties contiguous to Erie County have earlier closing times incentivizes drinkers to drive into Erie County once their bars are closed, posing a grave risk to all.

On behalf of all the men and women of the New York State Troopers, we voice our support for this reform. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack Moretti
PBA Secretary & Troop A Delegate

CC; Mark Polancarz, Erie County Executive
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Chris Jacobs, Erie County Clerk