



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 18, 2018

Joseph Lorigo
Erie County Legislator
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Legislator Lorigo:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 16 and, after a careful review of your concerns, am writing in reply to you today.

The Commissioner of Social Services oversees one of the county's largest departments, with an annual budget of over \$600 million and with oversight of programs and services that impact the lives of thousands of county residents every day. The importance of this position can hardly be overstated and it is imperative that the position is filled as soon as possible. My office conducted a comprehensive search for a new Commissioner, including conducting interviews of numerous finalists. We are fortunate to have a highly qualified and departmentally-experienced candidate already in place to serve as Commissioner, and I am sure that Marie Cannon will serve capably in that role.

The concerns you voice in your letter are unfounded. If you have questions regarding Ms. Cannon's credentials, her qualifications, or her vision for the Social Services department please ask them of her when she next appears before the Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

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