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December 11, 1998

Honorable Charles Swanick
25 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Chairman Swanick,

Enclosed is a resolution passed by our village board urging you to retain the county portion of the sales tax on clothing. Elimination of this tax will only serve to increase the burden on our property owners.

Sincerely,

John S. Thomas
Mayor
Village of Hamburg

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DECEMBER 7, 1998

3. **MOTION** by Trustee Lafferty, seconded by Trustee Bard,

WHEREAS, New York State Government has passed legislation to permanently eliminate sales tax of clothing and footwear, and

WHEREAS, such a decision will cost the Villages of Erie County over \$264,000, but will have even a greater impact on the Towns, School Districts and County of Erie, and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan does not include any alternative revenue sources to replace sales tax revenues if eliminated, and

WHEREAS, the property owner in New York State already carries an unjust burden, and

WHEREAS, NO TAX is a good tax, but some are more equitable than others;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamburg is opposed to any such legislation from Erie County which would permanently eliminate sales tax on clothing and footwear, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Hamburg will continue to oppose such a move, unless a more equitable form of revenue is identified to replace any financial burden at a local level, without increasing the burden on the property owner directly

AYES: Five
NAYS: None
CARRIED