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PS

Robert M. Graber, Clerk
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dear Mr. Graber:

It has come to my attention that the Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board is seeking to add to its numbers another member who is also a member of the Erie County Bar Association. I am a member of the Erie County Bar Association, and I have an interest in being on the Advisory Board.

I represent unions in both the private and the public sectors. Particularly, I represent Teamsters Local 264, the bargaining representative of the sheriff deputies who supervise detainees at the Erie County Holding Center. I have been involved in several matters wherein prisoner issues have been raised. I also participated on behalf of the deputies, together with Cheryl Green, during the jail inspection by the Department of Justice, and during the investigation of the Collins escape attempt by the Commissioner of Corrections. As such, I am familiar with issues that arise at the Holding Center and with ways to improve conditions there.

Should you require any other information from me at this time, please let me know. Otherwise, I will await word on whether the Erie County Legislature approves my appointment to the Advisory Board.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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By: Robert J. Reden

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