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Mr. Michael R. Szukala
Deputy Comptroller – Audit
Erie County Office Building
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Szukala,

This letter is being sent to you to follow up on our previous correspondences regarding the electronic communications being made available to the inmates and their families at the Erie County Holding Center. Please be advised that in consultation with the relevant departments within the County of Erie such information is being facilitated through an existing contract.

As such, there is no requirement for proposal and the advertisement will be limited to only those who can provide useful information to our inmates and their families. The advertisement rates are consistent with the existing County contract and any proceeds will be deposited in the County's general fund. Again, the Holding Center's communications program will be consistent with the existing County contract.

Once again, I wish to reaffirm that your inquiry was *not* consistent with the Tip Line foundation relative to waste, fraud and abuse. As such, I trust you recognize this will be our final communication in this matter as we provided sufficient information. If you have any further questions please direct them to the County Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,

Mark N. Wipperman
Undersheriff

Cc: Erie County Legislature
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