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Mr. Brian Melber, Esq
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Dear Mr. Melber:

I am writing to you today in reference to your role in representing the Erie County Legislature as counsel in certain matters regarding redistricting that are currently before Judge William Skretny. The resolution authorizing you to represent the Legislature was passed by a 9-6 vote and so you have been deemed to represent me as a Legislator in the Erie County Legislature.

As was indicated on the floor of the Legislature, and also in a letter presented to you from the Minority Leader John Mills, I too am concerned about several issues regarding your representation of the Legislature. As I expressed at the Session I felt that it was proper for the County Attorney to be representing this Body and I am unclear about who you will take direction and guidance from as you represent 15 members with diverse opinions in this matter.

As a result of your representation of me, I instruct you to include me on any communication by any employee, member, associate, sub-contractor, or representative of your firm on any communication, written or otherwise, received or sent, regarding any and all matters in any way related to your representation of the Erie County Legislature in any and all matters related to redistricting.

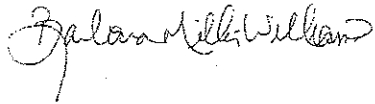
I am in receipt of your communication to Ronald Bennett indicating that you would, in fact, keep all of the interested parties informed and I look forward to receiving that information in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to working with you to see that the map that is ultimately adopted by the Court upholds the federal requirements of one person, one vote and maintains two majority-minority districts with minority voting age populations that will adhere to the standards of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

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Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by telephone by calling (716) 842-0490 or fax at (716) 854-5722. My email is bmw@erie.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara Miller-Williams".

Barbara Miller-Williams
Chair, Erie County Legislature