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Mr. Robert M. Graber, Clerk Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes

Dear Mr. Graber:

As requested by Chairwoman Betty Jean Grant I have attached for County purpose the current maximum income level sliding scale for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes, further attached is the recently increased sliding maximum allowed by law.

Currently County disabled homeowners with income less than \$32,400 may benefit from a sliding scale exemption ranging from 5% to 50%. NYS Real Property Tax Law has been amended to allow the minimum income limit to be increased up to \$29,000 with a maximum income of \$37,400.

There is no fiscal impact to the County Levy, however anytime a property tax exemption is granted or increased; the fiscal impact is a shift of the exempted amount from those entitled to an exemption to those who do not benefit from an exemption.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact me at 858-8320.

Sincerely.

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