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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

GALE R. BURSTEIN, MD, MPH  
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

May 20, 2013

Honorable Stefan I. Mychajliw  
Erie County Comptroller  
95 Franklin Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Your Comments Regarding Intro. 8-4 Concerning Healthcare**

Dear Comptroller Mychajliw:

It is my understanding that on May 16, 2013, during a discussion of Intro. 8-4, Supporting S.1894/A.6205, Requiring Inmates to Make Medical Co-Payments at the County Legislature's Public Safety Committee, you indicated that you have been working closely with the Erie County Department of Health ("Health") on the issue of correctional health costs, which was later qualified as having submitted a Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request to Health on the matter.

In an effort to help expedite your requested information, I inquired with Health's various FOIL Officers and staff related to correctional health. Unfortunately, not only have we been unable to locate any such FOIL request but also it appears that no one in Health has any recollection of any such conversation that may have occurred with you or anyone else in the Comptroller's Office regarding this matter. Additionally, in an effort to clear up this confusion, we have inquired with the Erie County Department of Social Services. Commissioner Carol Dankert-Mauer has informed me that her department also has not received any such FOIL request from the Comptroller's Office.

To clear up this confusion please identify with whom in Health you spoke or to whom you submitted your FOIL request and I will gladly assist. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Gale R Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP  
Commissioner of Health

cc: Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz  
Carol Dankert-Maurer, Commissioner of Social Services  
Erie County Legislature