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Hon. Timothy B. Howard
Erie County Sheriff
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RE: Telephone Funds Received, Deposited and Spent - RE: Comm. 6E-24 Accounting for Turn-Over of $669,170.13 - $772,058.12 to Comptroller

Dear Sheriff Howard:

On May 16, 2013, I requested copies of certain documents to enable the Legislature to determine whether at least $669,170.13, and up to $772,058.12, in public money under your control in an M&T Bank account had been deposited in the county's trust account for inmate telephone contract revenue. I asked for the M&T Bank statements and other records in advance of the Erie County Legislature May 23, 2013 meeting, but, to date, have not received this information.

I request that you appear before the Public Safety Committee on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 and that you bring with you, or deliver before the meeting, the following documents:

1. Copies of M&T Bank account records that show the account through the date of "closure" when all of the telephone funds ($669,170.13 as of 3-29-13) have been paid over to the Comptroller. This should include the April and May 2013 bank account statements.

2. Dates of reported "orders" for various items identified by your office as Ordered or "Ordered and Delivered." If your office has "ordered" any products or services with any portion of the $669,170.13 in the M&T Bank account, we would like the documentation of those orders because they are, and were, subject to the appropriation procedures calling for prior Legislative approval.

The Legislature requests the documentation of your transfer, to the Comptroller, of the $669,170.13 reported to be available on March 29, 2013.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Jean Grant, Chair
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