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John C. Loffredo, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works
County of Erie
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

RE: 2014-2016 Town/County Snow Plowing Contracts

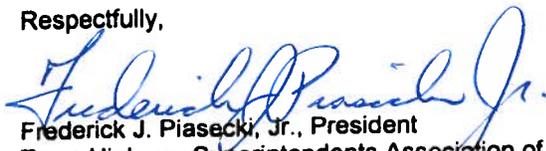
Dear Mr. Loffredo:

First of all, the Town Highway Superintendents Association of Erie County, Inc. along with the Supervisors' Committee representing the Towns, has presented to you our offer of a contract for a three-year term with a 5% per lane mile, per year increase for (2014-2016) Snow Plowing, with each Town. Also, as you should recall at the first negotiation meeting Robert Keating (Director of Budget and Management - Erie County) indicated that the 5% increase was a fair and reasonable rate, and also indicated that the monies for the Snow Plowing were in the County Budget. This is the realistic offer you should be dealing with, as this percentage reflects our cost increases and not the one percent increase you sent out to the Towns.

Secondly, the issue of Public Safety is at the forefront with all the Highway Superintendents and Supervisors of the Towns. We know that Erie County does not have the resources to plow these roads. Since the current contract has expired (08-31-13) and there is no contract, we the Towns cannot legally put a plow down on roads that we do not even own. These roads belong to Erie County and it is the County Executive's responsibility to plow them.

Mark Poloncarz, our County Executive, and also you, Mr. Loffredo, are playing a dangerous and risky game with the lives and safety of all the people across Erie County.

Respectfully,



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cc: Mark C. Poloncarz - County Executive
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