



November 5, 2013

Francis G. Warthling, Chair
Erie County Water Authority
295 Main Street, Room 350
Buffalo, NY 14203

Betty Jean Grant, Chair
Erie County Legislature
790 East Delavan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215

Dear Chairman Warthling and Chairperson Grant:

I am notifying you that I am resigning as a Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority effective at the close of business on November 6, 2013.

I am resigning because my law firm has experienced a significant increase in clients and I owe those clients my full and undivided attention. Given the demands of the Authority on my time, and my priorities of my firm and my family, I believe stepping away now is the right choice for me. Also, we have now appointed a new Executive Director and have set a budget for the next five years, so I believe this is the proper time for me to turn over the duties to another qualified individual I trust the Legislature will identify.

I have greatly enjoyed serving and I hold the employees of the Water Authority in the highest regard for their professionalism and dedication to providing safe, clean and competitively priced water.

Very truly yours,

Christopher J. O'Brien

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