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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. JOHN J. MILLS
CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE
11TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR

June 5, 2014

Hon. Mark Poloncarz
County Executive
95 Franklin St. – 16th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear County Executive Poloncarz:

It has come to my attention that your office believes that the resolution unanimously passed by the Legislature, authorizing the transfer of \$5 million of unassigned reserve funds from the fund balance, was insufficient in its grant of authority. While we certainly disagree with that assessment, we feel it is the duty of community leaders to work together for the residents of Erie County; not to act as road blocks to progress.

As a result, I am writing to ask for clarification and to work with your office so that there is no question as to the intent or effect of our resolution. If there is a particular wording that would make you more comfortable to effectuate the transfer, I am sure the entire Legislature would be willing to assist the people of Erie County. Again, we should strive to work for the people and not for political or personal motives that would impede greatly-needed infrastructure repairs.

As we have already discussed in committee, our roads are crumbling and our infrastructure is in dire need of repair. In fact, as I wrote this letter this morning, a section of Tonawanda Creek Road collapsed due to neglect and disrepair, necessitating emergency work to allow for safe passage.

We appreciate your anticipated cooperation and look forward to hearing from your office.

Very truly yours,

John J. Mills - Chairman
Erie County Legislature – 11th District