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December 1, 2014

Erie County Legislature  
Attn: Ms. Karen M. McCarthy, Clerk  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Attached for Clock-In to the public record of the Erie County Legislature, please find a Letter of Support from Governor Cuomo's WNY Regional Economic Development Council's Co-Chairs Satish K. Tripathi and Howard Zemsky supporting the Buffalo City Mission expansion project at 100 East Tupper Street in Buffalo, New York.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Miller-Williams  
Erie County Legislator  
District 1

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November 12, 2014

Mr. Stuart L. Harper  
Executive Director and CEO  
Buffalo City Mission  
100 E. Tupper Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Mr. Harper:

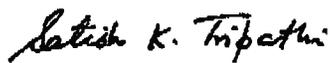
We are writing in our capacity as co-chairs of Governor Cuomo's WNY Regional Economic Development Council to express our strong support for the proposed expansion of the Buffalo City Mission at its 100 East Tupper Street site. With its long history of providing vital services including food and shelter to those most in need in our community, this proposed expansion and planned comprehensive approach will allow the Buffalo City Mission to provide even further to the people in the most critical need with additional health services, education and affordable housing as well as increase the important shelter capacity.

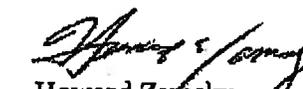
The missions of the Buffalo City Mission and WNY REDC are closely aligned as both organizations seek to enhance the lives of everyone in our community. To that point, the Mission's work is to lift people out of poverty by restoring hope to the homeless and those in need by providing emergency shelter and nourishing meals to thousands of homeless men, women and children of Western New York. And, our Regional Council's work is to seek and support transformative economic opportunities to improve the lives of all members of our greater regional community.

We are seeing many positive outcomes from this work, however, the Buffalo Niagara region's transformation would not be complete without the important work being done by organizations such as the Buffalo City Mission. The Buffalo City Mission has been a vitally important resource to countless numbers of people over the years as the Mission has opened its doors to help men, women, and children restore their hope by providing the opportunities to overcome homelessness through innovative programs and services.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of the Buffalo City Mission to seek funding for this important new project. The vision of the Buffalo City Mission to end homelessness in Buffalo by providing safe, affordable housing and the opportunity to access education and other vital services that hold the promise for a more independent life for the people it serves is a vision we fully embrace.

Sincerely,

  
Satish K. Tripathi  
Co-Chair, WNY REDC

  
Howard Zernsky  
Co-Chair, WNY REDC

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