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Mr. Scott Kroll, Clerk of Erie Co. Legislature
Fourth Floor
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo NY 14202

Dear Mr. Kroll:

I serve as chair of a Social Justice sub-committee working to bring attention to the unequal arrests, convictions and incarceration rates of African American and Hispanic men in the criminal justice system in Erie County. Our concern for this issue was initiated from reading the book "THE NEW JIM CROW" by Michelle Alexander.

Members of our committee have hand delivered copies of the newly released report on statistics from Erie County and now we would like to attend a meeting of the Legislature and speak in favor of correcting these inequities.

Please put our committee on the agenda for a meeting of the whole legislature and one or two of our members would like the opportunity to speak.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please let me know when it would be feasible for us to attend and speak.

Sincerely,



Gloria McLaughlin, Social Justice Committee, St. Joseph's University Parish

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