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September 10, 2015

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Comm. 16E-18 - Acceptance of TANF Domestic Violence Funds and
Adjustment to Non-Residential Domestic Violence Contracts

Honorable Members:

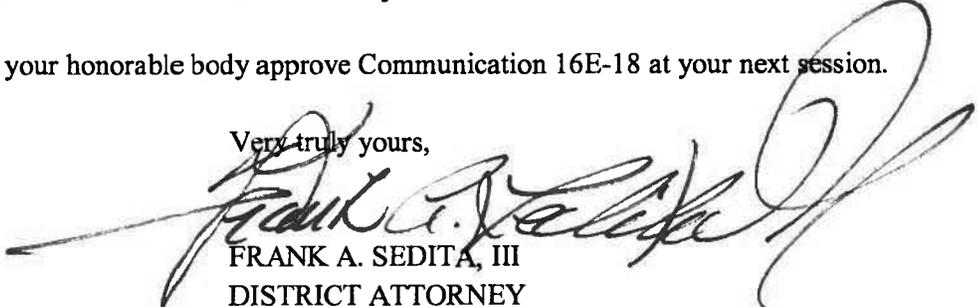
The Erie County Department of Social Services (DSS) has been awarded funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) to enhance non-residential services to victims of domestic violence. Our office, which is an approved non-residential domestic violence service provider in Erie County submitted a proposal to DSS to enhance services for TANF eligible clients in Buffalo City Court. Only non-residential providers are eligible for the TANF funding. The approved proposal creates a Victim Advocate Part Time, job group 6, in the District Attorney's Office (B-100 #8354).

On September 3, 2015 at Session #16, the Erie County Legislative approved a separate resolution submitted by our office (Comm. 16E-5). This resolution acknowledged the increase in our grant funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services for the Victim Witness Assistance Grant in our 2015-2016 award of \$68,325. These additional funds support the creation of a Victim Witness Case Aide, job group 5, at no additional cost to Erie County taxpayers. The Victim Witness Assistance Bureau provides services to all victims of crime in Erie County and this new position will enhance our services to the suburban and rural areas of the County.

On Tuesday, September 8, 2015, the Health and Human Services Committee met to discuss the DSS resolution. A question arose regarding the Victim Advocate Part Time position and how it related to the Victim Witness Case Aide position. These positions are separate and distinct. Both positions are also fully funded from their source and incur no cost to Erie County.

I respectfully request your honorable body approve Communication 16E-18 at your next session.

Very truly yours,


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