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Chairman John J. Mills  
Old Erie County Hall  
92 Franklin Street  
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Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

Dear Chariman Mills and Erie County Legislators:

As you know we are in the midst of a foreclosure epidemic in Erie County and throughout the United States. It is becoming commonplace for banks to file foreclosure proceedings and leave them incomplete along with vacant structures and blight in the communities. This problem must be addressed head on and I am asking, along with our not-for-profit partners, for the opportunity to participate at a Committee Meeting.

On August 21, 2015 I placed the first Bank Shame Campaign sign on 20 Sidway in the Old First Ward. This initiative is designed to expose bad actor banks and encourage them to be good neighbors. Some elected officials in Erie County have come out in support of the Bank Shame Campaign and actually helped place signs on these vacant and blighted properties and others have expressed an interest to participate in this sign posting campaign throughout Erie County.

As a local official, I know you are on the frontlines of this problem and I look forward to an important discussion with various departments that are responsible and accountable with regard to this issue.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or my office at (716) 608-6099.

Sincerely,

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