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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. LYNNE DIXON
LEGISLATOR

June 6, 2016

Dr. Gale Burstein
Commissioner
Department of Health
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Commissioner Burstein,

As the summer season is approaching and stories continue to arise concerning the spread of the Zika virus, I would like to invite representatives from your department in to the next Health and Human Services Committee on June 16, 2016 to discuss the county's response to the virus.

It should be understood that the only cases found in Western New York were detected in patients that had left the area and traveled abroad. However, many questions still remain and the public should know what their government is doing to keep them safe in the event a strain of the Zika virus does become infectious in Erie County.

In preparation for the committee meeting, I am hoping to discuss the county's current response protocol to this disease, any plans the county has in place in the event mosquitos in our area become vectors for the spread of the Zika virus, and what the community can and should be doing to help prevent the spread of this disease.

I appreciate your anticipated cooperation and look forward to seeing you in the next Health and Human Services Committee.

Sincerely,

Lynne Dixon
Erie County Legislature #9

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