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10TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR

MAJORITY LEADER

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Hon. Mark Poloncarz
Erie County Executive
95 Franklin Street, 16th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Hon. Poloncarz,

I am writing this letter to serve as a formal request to meet with William Geary, Deputy Commissioner of Highways. Last week I contacted Mr. Geary, as I have done many times in the past, to meet regarding road conditions and ongoing projects in my district.

I was extremely disheartened to learn that county departments have been instructed by your office to no longer communicate directly with Legislators and their staff. I also would question why this change in policy was not communicated to the Legislature by your office, instead having departments notify our staff that they could not provide us with information without first going through your office.

I have always enjoyed an excellent working relationship with DPW, as well as other county departments, and feel that such relationships only serve to benefit the residents of Erie County. Therefore I have difficulty understanding your motivation for adding this unnecessary red tape to county government. One of the largest concerns of my constituents is their road conditions; therefore I look forward to a timely response to my request.

I take my responsibility of serving the residents of Erie County seriously and hope that this needless policy can soon be eliminated so that we may all get back to the business of governing. DPW and all departments serve the residents of Erie County and I would request that Mr. Geary and any party deemed necessary make themselves available to meet with me to thoroughly review the road conditions in my district as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Lorigo
Majority Leader
Erie County Legislator- District 10

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