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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. JOHN J. MILLS
CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE
11TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR

August 31, 2016

Hon. Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive's Office
95 Franklin St. – 16th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Executive Poloncarz,

I am formally requesting that you immediately call for a public hearing on Local Law 12-2.

As you are aware, local laws must be approved by your office at least sixty days before they are to be presented to the voters, in the case of a mandatory referendum. The law has passed this honorable body with a vote of 9-1 at the special session on August 30, specifically held to ensure its place on the ballot this fall.

Moreover, the county attorney's office has confirmed in the beginning of August that September 9, 2016 is the deadline. By a failure to act on the law prior to that date, you would effectively limit the voice of Erie County citizens.

Legislative staff has, on numerous occasions reminded your Executive staff in the weeks leading up to the vote to call for a public hearing as soon as possible. We are requesting that you act immediately in order to meet the aggressive deadline.

I appreciate your time and attention and look forward to your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

John J. Mills
Chairman Erie County Legislature

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