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Hon. John J. Mills, Chair  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St., 4th Fl.  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Chair Mills,

I understand that a public hearing with respect to Local Law Int. 12-1 (2016) has not yet been scheduled. I submit this letter to you as a request to schedule a public hearing on LL Int. 12-1 as soon as possible.

It is important to both the Legislature and to the public to have an opportunity to support Charter reform with or without a four year term of office for county legislators. I am among those who strongly believe that a two year term of office for legislators increases accountability in that it allows the electorate to retire or retain their representatives based on performance.

It is clear that LL Int. 12-1 without a public hearing will not be considered and therefore the only remaining option is Local Law Int. 12-2 (2016), a Charter Amendment containing a four year term of office which will surely diminish legislative accountability.

Yours truly,

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