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**ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

**HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW**

September 20, 2016

Mr. Stephen M. Gary, Sr.  
Chief Financial Officer, ECMCC  
462 Grider Street  
Buffalo, NY 14215

**RE: Requests for Information**

Dear Mr. Gary:

A few weeks ago I first learned of an issue between the County and the hospital involving a substantial (close to \$200M) borrowing and a deal to manage the county's future intergovernmental transfer payments (IGT). Last week, I learned that the hospital and the county administration have been working on this issue for over 11 months, leaving both my office and the Legislature in the dark. While this fact is extremely concerning to me, it will not detract me from my chartered responsibilities in this regard.

As Comptroller, I need to understand all the details of the proposal you have been working on with the administration for over 11 months. On three separate occasions my staff has requested information from the hospital that we still have not received. Please accept this letter as our fourth and formal request for the following information:

1. Freed Maxick's analysis of IGT payments going forward
2. Financial forecast of hospital operations through 2021
3. Total IGT payment estimates for 2016 and 2017

While I have very little details about the actual issue or the deal you have been working on, every time I attempt to learn more from an involved party I hear a different set of facts. During these various meetings, I have learned that the IGT payment to the hospital may exceed budget by nearly \$100 million over the next five years. Having the actual data in hand will be far more useful for my office than having a different conversation with a different interested party each week. While I welcome those continued discussions, I will continue to place my trust in God and ask all others to bring data.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stefan I. Mychajliw".

STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW  
Erie County Comptroller

cc: The Erie County Legislature  
The Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority