

SUSPENSION



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. JOSEPH C. LORIGO
LEGISLATOR

November 3, 2016

Hodgson Russ LLP
140 Pearl St. Suite 100
Buffalo, NY 14202

To whom it may concern:

The Erie County Legislature has just concluded our yearly budget hearings for the 2017 Budget proposed by the County Executive. As you are undoubtedly aware, the Comptroller's office has indicated that in the 2016 budget, and if not addressed the 2017 budget, the County is over on the tax cap due to the method used in billing tax payers in several sewer districts

The deputy director of the budget office indicated during our discussions that your firm has orally opined that the county acted appropriately in 2016, and would be acting appropriately going forward into 2017. I am writing now to request an official correspondence stating the legality of the actions taken in 2016 and whether that opens the county to any liability.

I appreciate your attention in this matter, and trust that the work done for the oral opinion will not need to be conducted again.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislature Majority Leader
Chairman, Finance and Management Budget Committee

CC: Erie County Budget Office
Erie County Attorney's Office