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HON. JOSEPH C. LORIGO
10TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR
MAJORITY LEADER

March 29, 2016

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

Dear County Executive Poloncarz, Mark

At the 2016 State of the County, your administration handed out hundreds of reusable grocery bags emblazoned with the Seal of Erie County and the words, "Courtesy of Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz." These were handed out as a way to encourage people to comply with your proposal to ban plastic shopping bags in Erie County.

After learning of this promotional handout, I sought information on social media regarding how these bags were purchased. I inquired whether they were purchased using tax dollars, political donations, or the county executive's personal funds. To date, I have not received a response.

At this point, I would appreciate a response as to how these bags were purchased. Additionally, if they were purchased using tax dollars, I would like to know the cost, the vendor, the quantity purchased, as well as the intended distribution network.

I thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH C. LORIGO
Majority Leader
Erie County Legislator District-10

CC: Stefan Mychajliw, Erie Comptroller

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