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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
June 15, 2017

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**RE: EC Youth Detention Facility – 2016 Interior Housing Unit Renovations**

Dear Honorable Members:

Due to the critical time schedule for this project and the upcoming legislative recess, the County Executive is requesting that an Open Item be placed on the Economic Development Committee agenda for discussion of the Erie County Youth Detention Facility – 2016 Interior Housing Unit Renovations.

It is important to accomplish Housing Unit Renovations in a timely manner due to the passing Raise the Age law, which permits an older population to be diverted to the facility.

Years of high use with a population that has a tendency to be aggressive and violent has resulted in damage to the facility and creates health and safety concerns. Impact resistant wall upgrades are required as some of the youth at the facility become violent and kick the walls causing damage, compromising security. Toilet rooms in the housing units require renovation to address moisture and durability. The facility has been cited on many occasions by NYS Office of Child and Family Services for mildew and peeling paint.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact Interim Commissioner Charles Sickler. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", written over a horizontal line.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

cc: Charles Sicker, Interim Commissioner