

ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

92 Franklin Street - 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

May 31, 2018

John Brusco
Erie County Legislature Energy & Environment Committee, Chair
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Water authority dissolution and transfer of control to county

Dear Legislator Brusco,

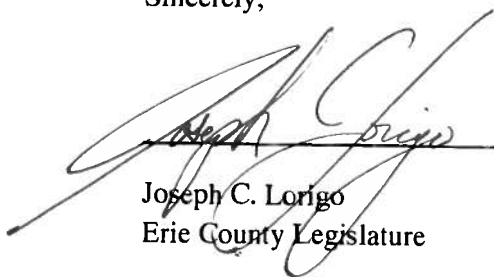
As you are aware, Legislator Loughran has introduced INTRO. 7-2 (2018) requesting a referendum be held on the dissolution of the Erie County Water Authority. That item currently sits on the agenda in the Energy & Environment Committee.

At numerous times over the past several months, questions have been raised about Erie County's options with regard to the Erie County Water Authority. Specifically, legislators have raised objections to the resolution, claiming that it is impossible to dissolve the Authority this way. I believe the time has come to stop the speculation and examine the proposal in committee with experts in municipal law and finance.

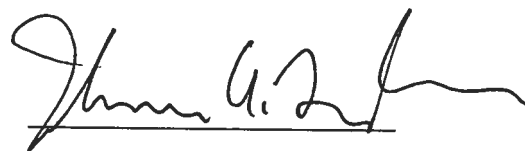
We write to ask that you set aside time during the next Energy and Environment Committee to have a discussion on the dissolution of the Erie County Water Authority. We also ask that you invite representatives from the County Attorney's Office, the Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Budget and Management to be present for this discussion.

I appreciate your attention in this matter and look forward to your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislature



Thomas A. Loughran
Erie County Legislature