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Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Graber:

My office is in receipt of the Erie County Legislature's resolution dated December 8, 2011 opposing more than two primary elections in New York State in 2012.

We have an incumbent duty to guarantee our servicemen and women's right to vote. However, multiple primary elections present very real and significant costs to local taxpayers. Without aid or reimbursement, a federal judicial requirement to hold a third primary amounts to another unfunded mandate on localities. Therefore, I understand and appreciate the Legislature's concerns regarding this issue.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any other concerns.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Gallivan

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