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HON. EDWARD A. RATH, III
LEGISLATOR

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February 2, 2012

The Honorable Betty Jean Grant
Chairperson of the Erie County Legislature
Legislative Chambers
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Inquiry on the Process for filling the vacancy of Erie County Comptroller

Dear Chairperson Grant:

I am writing to inquire about the process for filling the vacancy of Erie County Comptroller and to express my concerns regarding it. As you know, the Comptroller is charged with the responsibility of managing the entire accounting function and audit and control functions of the county, which is a complicated \$1.3 billion entity. Reasonable people would agree that this position requires a very qualified financial professional, and the taxpayers of Erie County deserve it.

It is my hope that there will be a committee process in which interested candidates are properly vetted. An ideal process would include a call to the public for those interested and qualified to apply, followed by a hearing in which candidates present themselves and their credentials to the legislature. This would give us, and our colleagues, the access we need to fully understand the candidates and make the appointment that will best serve taxpayers.

Please let me know how the legislature will proceed. Thank you for your attention to my concern.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Rath, III
Erie County Legislator
6th District

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