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PS

Hon. Timothy B. Howard
Erie County Sheriff
10 Delaware Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14202

RE: Erie County Legislature Public Safety Committee,
Meeting Concerning Mistaken Inmate Releases

Dear Sheriff Howard:

I am very concerned and troubled by last week's mistaken release of a man charged with attempted murder from the Alden Correctional Facility, as well as the mistaken release of other inmates under similar circumstances recently.

In light of these events, I am requesting that you personally attend the next meeting of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee to address this problem, provide a detailed explanation of what went wrong, and work with the committee and Legislature to make certain that such mistakes never happen again.

With the safety of Erie County residents as our number one responsibility, we need to work together to address this most serious problem. While your department has indicated that paperwork and/or human error resulted in the most recent mistaken release, whatever the problem, policies and procedures must be addressed to ensure that County residents are safe and have faith in the Sheriff's Department.

The Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 22, 2012 in the Chambers of the Legislature in Old County Hall.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Jean Grant, Chair
Erie County Legislature

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