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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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May 22, 2012

Honorable Terrence D. McCracken
2640 George Urban Blvd.
Depew, NY 14043

Dear Legislator McCracken:

Please accept this letter as a request to set aside an item on the next Energy and Environment Committee for the Erie County Farmland and Agricultural Protection Plan.

As you are aware, this Department is working with the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to prepare the abovementioned document which will replace the existing plan completed in 1996. The great emphasis given to agriculture in the recent WNY Economic Development Strategic Plan as well as the importance placed on rural land in the Erie and Niagara Counties Framework for Regional Growth, makes preparation of a new County Farmland Protection Plan most timely.

It is our intention to update members of the Energy and Environment Committee on the document in June with, hopefully, Legislative adoption in July.

Finally, it was great news to learn of your appointment to the County's Farmland Protection Board. The knowledge and experience you bring to the group will prove most valuable.

In the event you have any questions, please contact me at 858-6716.

Very truly yours,

MARIA R. WHYTE
Commissioner
Erie County Department of
Environment and Planning

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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

May 15, 2012

Mr. Michael R. Szukala
Deputy Comptroller - Audit
92 Franklin Street – Room 1100
Buffalo, New York 14202

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RE: Erie County's Waste, Fraud and Abuse Tip Line complaint

Dear Mr. Szukala,

I am sending this letter on behalf of Sheriff Timothy B. Howard in response to the reported complaint you received about the administration of the Sheriff's Commissary Fund and the subsequent audit you plan on commencing in the future for the period of January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012.

As you are aware, we do send commissary account information to the Comptroller's office on a monthly basis. We feel confident that the pending audit will confirm that the Sheriff's Office administers the Commissary Fund pursuant to New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) and guidelines established by the New York State Comptroller's Office. It will also reveal that the Erie County Sheriff's Office in fact offers some of the cheapest telephone and commissary rates in New York State to benefit our inmate population and their families.

In closing, the Sheriff's Office looks forward to working with the Comptroller's Office and you will receive our full cooperation. We have a scheduled entrance meeting with Erie County Senior Auditor David Kinda on Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Mark N. Wiperman
Undersheriff

CC: Sheriff Timothy B. Howard
Hon. Mark C. Poloncarz, County Executive
Hon. David J. Schenk, Comptroller
Hon. Erie County Legislature
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