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**Erie County Legislature**  
 92 Franklin Street  
 Buffalo, NY 14202

**November 1, 2012**

**Re: Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board**

Dear Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature:

This letter is in regards to the Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board ("ECCCAB"); specifically a recommendation to appoint Kenneth Colon to fill the Hispanic community position on the ECCAB. As per a resolution adopted by your body on March 17, 2011 (Intro 4-4 2011), one seat on the ECCCAB be recommended by the Hispanic community of Erie County.

As a leader in the Hispanic community, I would like to recommend Kenneth Colon. Mr. Colon was previously recommended by a collective of Hispanic community leaders in March 2011. Mr. Colon has a very strong interest in participating on the ECCCAB. He currently serves as a case manager in Buffalo Urban League's Adult Ex-Offender program. In this capacity he provides support to ex-offenders in their transition back to the community. This support includes family reunification, education and job trainings, career assessment, education and placement, with a goal of finding gainful, long term employment. Additionally, he currently serves on the Re-Entry Task Force and was previously employed by Hispanics United where his responsibilities included providing alternatives to incarceration for the at-risk population. As a result of his experience, Mr. Colon has in-depth knowledge of the corrections system, would provide valuable insight to the board, and has worked with the Hispanic community on both edges of the correction system, as described above.

**Mr. Colon comes highly recommended not just from the undersigned, but also from leaders in the re-entry community. Attached is his resume for your review. I encourage the Erie County Legislature to seriously consider Mr. Colon and appoint him to the Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board. Thank you for accepting my recommendation.**

**Regards,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Rivera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "A".

**Councilmember David A. Rivera  
Niagara District  
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