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**Re: Opioid Litigation**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please accept this communication as an update on the planned campaign to address the Opioid epidemic.

As you know, in the Spring of 2022, New York State, through the efforts of the New York State Attorney General's Office, and Erie County, through its own outside counsel, both obtained major settlements with certain opioid manufacturers (Johnson and Johnson, and their related companies, and Allergan and their related companies), and three major distributors of opioid substances, with several more anticipated. Under the settlements, funds were placed in escrow, to be disbursed at various levels over the next 10 years.

Under the terms of the settlement, a substantial portion of the Attorney General's fund is also to be strategically allocated by the State's Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board (the Opioid Board) to local governments across the State, to use in addressing the opioid epidemic. Due to delays in forming of the Opioid Board, and reaching consensus on allocation, the allocation of the State's Settlements has only partially been allocated to the counties.

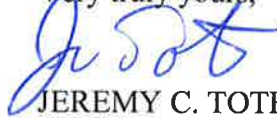
The receipt of the County's 2022 settlement funds has also been delayed. Until recently, the Office of the New York Attorney General had been voluntarily acting as escrow agent for settlements across the State. They were doing this while the parties procured a professional fund administrator. This past month a professional fund administrator was put in place which will improve efficiency going forward.

While we expect more funds to be received directly from the County's Settlement in the next few months, we still do not have a definite time table on how much of the regional funds

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from the State settlement will be released, and when. As soon as we have details we will share them with this Honorable Body.

Very truly yours,



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