

# ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Director McLaren,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my appreciation for all the work the Division of Equal Employment Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion has been doing to advance Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) inclusion. Your efforts have been instrumental in fostering diversity and opportunity.

Building on this important work, we are exploring the creation of an “Erie County MWBE Shopper Market”—an event designed to support MWBEs in getting the products in front of consumers, networking with larger contractors, and ultimately achieving county certification. Such a platform would streamline the certification process while empowering local MWBEs to compete for county contracts, enhancing their visibility and economic impact.

As Chair of the MWBE committee, I would like to invite you to join us in discussing this initiative in an upcoming committee meeting. Your expertise and insights would be invaluable in shaping this effort, ensuring it is both impactful and inclusive. Together, we can create a more supportive ecosystem for MWBEs and demonstrate our collective commitment to equity and opportunity.

We will be in touch with potential dates for this committee discussion. Your continued contributions to this space, coupled with your engagement in this initiative, will help guide us in building a program that truly meets the needs of our community and opens new doors for MWBE growth and success in Erie County.

Thank you again for your dedication to advancing MWBE inclusion. I look forward to collaborating with you to make this vision a reality.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Dupre  
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