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Legislator Taisha St. Jean Tard  
2495 Main St. Suite 450  
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Dear Legislator Taisha St. Jean Tard:

The Criminal Defense Unit (CDU) of the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo provides mandated legal representation to indigent individuals facing criminal charges in the City of Buffalo. This includes misdemeanors under both the New York State Penal Law and the Vehicle and Traffic Law, as well as D and E felony offenses. In 2024 alone, the CDU represented approximately 7,000 individuals, many of whom were held at the Erie County Holding Center or the Erie County Correctional Facility. Our dedicated team works tirelessly to advocate for our clients and minimize the time they spend in custody.

I would like to recommend the Chief Attorney of the Criminal Defense unit, Sarah Ryan, to participate in the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board. She has twelve years of experience in criminal defense, along with valuable institutional knowledge.

If you have any questions or concerns, I may be reached at (716) 853-9555 Ext 450. Thank you for your anticipated courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Schopp".

David Schopp  
Chief Executive Officer  
Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.