

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS TODARO, LORIGO, MILLS AND GREENE**

Re: REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF ERIE COUNTY'S PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT STOCKPILE

WHEREAS, Erie County conducted a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) inventory in 2022 and provided a warehouse tour for legislators, but no recent comprehensive audit or inventory of supplies has been made public; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing storage and maintenance of PPE and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) stockpiles represent significant investments that require oversight; and

WHEREAS, transparency in government operations, particularly regarding emergency preparedness resources, is essential; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has a responsibility to ensure taxpayer funds are being used efficiently and that emergency preparedness resources are being properly maintained; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2025, members of the Erie County Legislature formally requested that the County Comptroller conduct an audit of Erie County's PPE and DME stockpile management; and

WHEREAS, the County Comptroller's response dated May 22nd declined this audit request, citing other projects deemed "more important"; and

WHEREAS, legislative oversight of emergency preparedness resources falls within the core responsibilities of this body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby requests that the County Comptroller conduct a comprehensive audit of Erie County's PPE and DME stockpile, including but not limited to:

1. **Current inventory** - A complete accounting of all PPE and DME items currently in county storage, including quantities, condition, and value;
2. **Storage cost** - Documentation of ongoing storage costs and evaluation of cost-effective alternatives for maintaining emergency supplies;
3. **Shelf life and distribution planning** - Assessment of stored items' remaining useful life and establishment of plans for utilization or distribution before items expire;
4. **Comprehensive documentation** - Detailed reporting of what materials were distributed during the COVID-19 pandemic and a copy of the lease agreement for current storage facilities;

RESOLVED, that upon completion of the audit, the Comptroller shall present the findings to the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive, the County Comptroller, and the County Department of Health.