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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. JOHN J. MILLS
11TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR
MINORITY LEADER

Hon. Timothy Meyers
Chairman
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street - 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Request for updates on ECWA and ECMC

Dear Chairman Meyers:

I am writing to request that when we return from recess we invite representatives from the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) and Erie County Medical Center Corporation (ECMCC) into an appropriate committee meeting to provide us an update on their operations, finances, challenges and future plans.

Last week during budget hearings there was a lot of discussion about IGT and DSH payments as they relate to ECMCC. There was good news in terms of an unexpected \$5 million overpayment and payments made on outstanding utility fund liability. There was some uncertainty about the future in terms of how the hospital would manage changes in federal policy.

There were also several water main breaks during the last two weeks, with one near Union Road and George Urban Boulevard closing the roadway for days. I know the ECWA is in the process of executing a multi-year capital plan to improve their aging infrastructure and I would like an update on it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I will defer to you and the Clerk of the Legislature to determine the appropriate committee(s) to host the discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Mills".

JOHN J. MILLS
Minority Leader