



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Dear Chairman Kooshoian,

We are writing to express concerns regarding Comm. 2E-7 (2026) submitted by the County Comptroller. This item was a review of cultural grant organizational funding to the Albright Knox Art Gallery. Subsequent media reports about financial matters at the Albright-Knox Gallery have been reported this week “AKG Museum Gave Director Low-Interest \$335,000 Loan for Home Purchase. Erie County Has Concerns, Buffalo News, 2/4/26”.

While we respect the Albright-Knox Gallery’s Board of Directors’ response in the news story, we believe these matters warrant further review by the Finance and Management Committee. We would request the committee hold a discussion on this issue and invite representatives from the Albright-Knox that the organization deems appropriate, as well as the County Comptroller, to discuss these issues with the Committee.

To be clear, we are not alleging any wrongdoing. However, the media reports and the Comptroller’s review have raised open questions that merit careful consideration. We believe a conversation with all parties involved would be beneficial and help address these concerns.

Sincerely,

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