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COUNTY OF ERIE

MICHAEL P. KEARNS
COUNTY CLERK

March 3, 2026

The Honorable Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: COMM. 4E-15: Transfer Tax Appropriation

Dear Honorable Members:

I am in receipt of COMM. 4E-15 (2026), which purports to be a resolution seeking, in part, authorization to appropriate \$3,400,000 in 2025 surplus Real Estate Transfer Tax revenue into the 2026 Road Repair Reserve Fund.

As you are aware, the Erie County Clerk's Office collects the Real Estate Transfer Tax revenue for the benefit of the Erie County Department of Public Works. According to the Clerk's Office calculations, the surplus for 2025 collected revenue was approximately \$6.4 million.

In light of the required Public Hearing on this matter, the Clerk's Office is respectfully requesting clarification as to why only \$3.4 million is being appropriated for road and bridge work in 2026, and what the remaining surplus of approximately \$3 million is being utilized for.

I thank this Honorable Body for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL P. KEARNS
Erie County Clerk

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