Erie County Legislature

92 Franklin St.

Buffalo, NY

Erie County Clerk

I am asking that this short letter be read at Thursday (10-22-2026) meeting.

Let me tell you a few things about my family and myself,

73 yr old married, wife, mother, and grandmother

Resides in Amherst NY:

purchase home in July 2001

30 yr mortgage

paid an extra $100 per month toward mortgage

income tax refund went toward paying off this debt

2017- paid off our 30 yr mortgage in 16 yrs

Other ways we are saving money:

purchase second hand car in 2015- a 2012 Impala which we still have

utilities- use comparison of gas and electric in NY on internet

food- Farmer's Market –coupons, checking prices on line,

gas- recently joined BJ for $10 a yr – gas for only #3.89 vs $4.59 a gallon (last wk price)

Retired

February 2025-retired after 21 years of part time work at Wegmans

Husband- was disable from an accident at the age of 50 –so he had to retire early

As a result of this we are on a limited income but have always thrive to tighten our belt any way we can. While we trying to save money it seems that Erie County isn't as far as I am concern by the doing the following_

Golf course purchase not sure why we needed to do this. Then sold it for $1.00. Why? This makes no sense to me and others. Would you sell your home or house for a $1.00? This has left Erie in a huge deficit to pay back the money we owe on this property.

Buffalo Bills Stadium-$250 million plus interest

$125 million was used as a down payment form our emergency fund

Borrow or took a loan out for the remaining $125 million (plus interest)

Cost the average taxpayers $263 on taxes for the 950,000 residents - $249,850,000 a yr – for 25- 30 yrs

Why is it taking 25 – 30 to pay back when you are generating close to $250 million a year. This makes no sense to someone who is constantly tightening our belt to save

Now lets look at Jenna Vinyl bill that would assist in District 5 (1200-1600) seniors who are making $50,000 or less a year . From my research data it stated that each district has around 86,000 people- 1600 seniors- equals 84,400 (who are not seniors making this amount) These seniors are those who-

neighbors who are diabetic having to rationing their meds to pay their taxes

eating only 1 meal a day to save money to pay their taxes

using stoves to heat water on it to heat their homes to save money to pay their taxes

person with cancer who is fighting for their life only to have to decide which is more important`

the cost of medication or treatments or paying their taxes

These are just a few examples of our seniors who are having to decide sell their homes or keep on struggling to pay their taxes which seems to keep on raising up in price every year.

Yet there are those who are oppose to assisting such a small number of seniors who are in need. I feel that you had no problem in taking the 125 million out of our reserve for emergency (plus taking a 25-30 yr loan on the remaining $125 million plus interest) to pay for an NFL stadium. Since you were able to to pay for a sport stadium then it makes no sense to me why you cannot assist in coming up with a way to help those seniors who are in need... You indicate you don't have the money but you had it for a stadium.

So I beg you to search your conscious as what is the right thing to do. After all this could be your neighbor, parents, siblings, grandparents, or friends who are facing this situation.

Thank you for having an open mind in this situation.

Sincerely, Janice Perrin 10/19/2026

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