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Erie County Water Authority
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Dear Ms. Murphy;

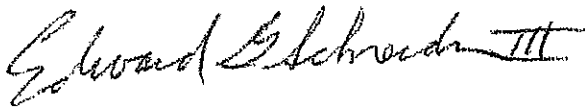
I would like to thank you for your assistance with my recent Freedom of Information request.

As per our conversation, I'm sending the Erie County Water Authority a few suggestions for their consideration.

1. I live in the Lake Erie Beach community within the Town of Evans. Excluding those living on or near the waterfront, this community qualifies for low income related government programs. Paying the minimum water bill is a hardship for many. My suggestion is institute a hardship program where, via means testing, low and fixed income households would be billed for actual usage and not the 9,000 per quarter minimum. My elderly tenant uses maybe 1,500 to 2,000 gallons a quarter. For low / fixed ECWA customers, paying the minimum water bill is a hardship.
2. New York State has embraced shared services as a means to reduce costs to taxpayers. For all water projects, there is a common denominator shared between all villages, towns and cities: All projects require legal work, engineering, SEQR, etc. If these services were to be provided by the ECWA, all villages, towns and cities could pay for actual hourly time required at a significantly reduced cost to taxing authorities and water customers. This type of program likely qualify for state grant funding to get up and running.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely;



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