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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

February 13, 2020

HON. FRANK J. TODARO
LEGISLATOR
8TH DISTRICT

Mr. Russell Stoll
Chief Operating Officer
Erie County Water Authority
3030 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

RE: Town of Lancaster Water Pressure Issues

Dear Mr. Stoll:

I am writing regarding residents' complaints concerning low water pressure in several neighborhoods in the Town of Lancaster. As you know, the town has aging infrastructure that includes waterlines dating back to 1929, and many residential areas with suboptimal water pressure.

Water pressure issues have been a concern for years, and was made all too apparent in the fall, 2018, when firefighters responding to a Pleasant View Drive house and garage fire connected to a hydrant with little available pressure. The hydrants adjacent to the home lost pressure when the fire companies needed it most.

The Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) and the town are aware of the low water pressure in several areas, and have been working together to make repairs and upgrades to the system. The town has been replacing aging waterlines, which is certainly necessary due to numerous water main breaks, but unfortunately this does not directly address water pressure issues.

The issue is of significant concern to area residents. What is being done to increase water pressure throughout the town? Media reports indicate the ECWA will evaluate increasing water flow and pressure, in part by moving valves in order to change pressure zones, and address other issues that may boost water pressure. I'm inquiring about the specifics to these efforts, to review the outcomes of these evaluations, and an anticipated timeline for the ratepayer to know corrective action is making progress.

I would be happy to facilitate any discussions between the ECWA and town officials, and offer any assistance I can to move forward on this issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank J. Todaro".

Hon. Frank J. Todaro
Erie County Legislator-8th District