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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOIL Request – Water Shut-Off List for Erie County

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Dear Mr. McCracken,

I hope this email finds you well. Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), Public Officers Law, Article 6, §§ 84-90, I am formally requesting access to public records related to water service disconnections in Erie County. Specifically, I seek a list of properties where water service has been shut off due to non-payment or vacancy within the past 12 months.

Under Section 87(2) of the Public Officers Law, government agencies are required to provide access to public records unless they fall under an exemption. As the requested records pertain to utility shut-offs, which are matters of public interest, I believe they should be disclosed under FOIL. Additionally, New York Open Meetings Law (Article 7, §§ 100-111) supports transparency in public affairs, reinforcing the necessity for access to this information.

If any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, I request that any non-exempt portions be provided in accordance with FOIL Section 89(2)(c), which mandates redaction rather than full denial of a request.

Please inform me if there are any applicable fees for processing this request before fulfilling it. I would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this request and an estimated time frame for processing. If any clarification is needed, feel free to contact me at the details below.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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