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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Terrence D. McCracken
Secretary to the Authority
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Dear Chairman Schad and Secretary McCracken:

Re: Niagara Falls Water Board Visit to Van de Water Treatment Plant

On behalf of the Niagara Falls Water Board, we are writing to express our appreciation for the assistance provided by Erie County Water Authority staff during a visit to the Van de Water Treatment Plant in January. The NFWB is exploring options for upgrading certain security and access control systems at its facilities using technology similar to what is employed at the Van de Water Treatment Plant, and our personnel benefitted from learning about ECWA's experience with those systems. In particular, we wish to acknowledge the assistance provided by David Aubertine, Director of Cybersecurity and Information Technology, Matthew Barrett, Security Officer, and David Patton, P.E., Senior Production Engineer.

As fellow operators of public drinking water infrastructure, we would welcome any opportunity to reciprocate by providing assistance to ECWA. We also would be happy to explore future opportunities to collaborate on projects which may benefit both entities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas J. Forster".

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean W. Costello".

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