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## Via Facsimile & US Mail

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Special Litigation Section-PHB  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

**Re: Investigation of the Erie County Holding Center  
and the Erie County Correctional Facility  
Our File No. 31.20070052**

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

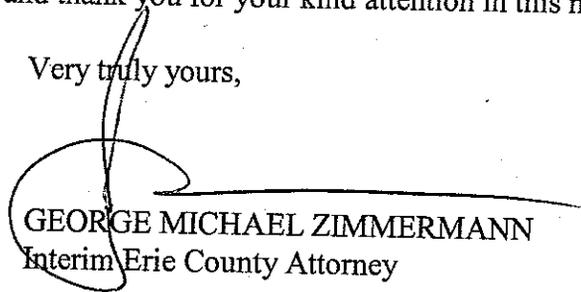
As you may recall, I am currently the Interim County Attorney. Happily, the new County Executive recently appointed a new County Attorney, Cheryl A. Green. Because Ms. Green is transitioning from the private sector to the public sector, she has contractual obligations that do not permit her to be seated as the new County Attorney until sometime in April.

In a recent meeting with Ms. Green we had an opportunity to discuss the upcoming inspection by the USDOJ. She has requested a brief adjournment of your inspection until such time as she can familiarize herself with both the factual and legal issues concerning same. We respectfully request an extension of professional courtesy in this matter until late May or early June, 2008. Such time is necessary to adequately work in a collaborative effort with Ms. Green and our office regarding any issues that may be identified at the Erie County Correctional Facility and the Erie County Holding Center.

We would appreciate your prompt response to this request and rest assured, Erie County remains ready and willing to cooperate in your inspection.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Chris Collins, Erie County Executive  
Timothy Howard, Erie County Sheriff  
Cheryl A. Green, Esq.