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FOR ERIE COUNTY

August 4, 2011

Hon. Christopher Collins
5759 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Mr. Collins:

On November 8th, Erie County's voters will once again be given the chance to choose their steward for the community through the election of the County Executive. In order to provide our residents an informed choice, it is incumbent on us to share with the voters our views and describe the direction each plans to take to make Erie County a better place to live, work and raise a family.

As we enter the Fall campaign, our schedules will quickly become overloaded. Before we become too busy to find the time, I propose that we now schedule a series of debates to take place this Fall that are designed to focus on the issues that affect Erie County residents.

Therefore, I am proposing three debates: one in the City of Buffalo, another in the Northern portion of Erie County and a final debate in the Southern portion of Erie County.

I firmly believe that wherever possible these events should be televised and moderated by a non-political, un-biased panel or single moderator. Additionally, one debate should be a town-hall style meeting, so the voters can ask the questions they deem pertinent. I am sure you agree that every voter in Erie County deserves the chance to see us discuss the critical issues the County faces. Clearly, there are differences between you and I, and voters need to fully understand where each of us stand in order to make an informed decision this Election Day.

We are already receiving requests from other outlets for debates, and while we will try to meet all of these requests, I hope you will agree that there is a need for three televised moderated debates across the County so our residents are fully informed. Please feel free to reach out to my campaign manager Jennifer Hibit at Jennifer@markpoloncarz.com or at 896-2680, to work out scheduling issues and locations.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,


Mark Poloncarz