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Dear Mr. Quinones,

I was very troubled to learn from local workers that the New York Power Authority has hired out-of-state workers to complete new construction at Art Park State Park in Lewiston and I am contacting you today to find out if this in fact is true.

If this is in fact the case, then the Art Park work continues a long and unfortunate trend of exclusion for the local work force of Western New York, most recently with Norampac in Niagara Falls. Once again, out-of-state workers have come into our area and received contracts – financed by New York's taxpayers.

The Niagara region is a great resource for NYPA and for New York State, yet we endure a constant loss of funds followed by rate hikes for our local families and small business owners. Now local workers are unable to complete state-financed projects because they have been awarded to out-of-state labor.

I would appreciate a full briefing on contracts awarded regarding Art Park projects as well as a sincere and sustained effort in the hiring of local workers to complete publicly financed projects in the Niagara region.

Sincerely

John D. Ceretto
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