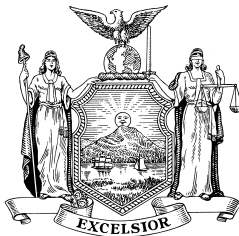


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Mr. Howard Glaser
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Dear Mr. Glaser,

In April, you and Governor Andrew Cuomo's counsel Seth Agata were gracious to meet with Senator George D. Maziarz, myself and members of the Niagara Falls City Council to discuss the pending impasse regarding the Seneca Indian Gaming Compact and its affect on the City of Niagara Falls.

As we are all aware, the \$58 million that has not matriculated to Niagara Falls has brought about significant fiscal implications, with a spending freeze put in place by the city council and considerable budgetary issues looming.

In the course of our meeting, we discussed the interest free loan that had been granted to the City of Salamanca. I know the Salamanca situation is not identical, yet several similarities exist. In that conversation, I had asked if the City of Niagara Falls might be granted a similar loan for all or a portion of the \$58 million owed to the city as a third party beneficiary to the Gaming Compact. It was indicated to me that this avenue would be looked into.

I write today to follow up on that conversation and meeting. The City of Niagara Falls is hurting from the loss of those dollars, and while I certainly respect the arbitration process and the legal authority it carries, any help from Albany would be sincerely appreciated.

Please feel free to be in contact with me at 716-282-6062 or cerettoj@assembly.state.ny.us. Thank you.

Sincerely

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cc: Honorable Andrew Cuomo- Governor, State of New York
Honorable Samuel Fruscione- Chairman, Niagara Falls City Council
Seth Agata- First Assistant Counsel to Governor Andrew Cuomo