April 4, 2022

EDWARD A. RATH III
SENATOR, 61ST DISTRICT

Honorable Chris Jacobs
8203 Main Street – Suite 2
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Congressman Jacobs:

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As the Senator representing the City of Batavia in Genesee County, I strongly support this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

STEVE HAWLEY  
Deputy Minority Leader  
Member of NYS Assembly  
139th AD

SMH:esb

CC: Ms. Rachael J. Tabelski, City Manager, City of Batavia
April 5, 2022

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Gregory H. Post
Supervisor
Town of Batavia
April 1, 2022

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Gregory A. Hallock
Executive Director
April 6, 2022

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Dear Congressman Jacobs:

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As a member of the Batavia business community for nearly 28 years, I cannot speak highly enough of the level of service and professionalism exhibited day in and day out by the members of the Batavia Police Department. They are held in the highest esteem and have the upmost respect of the citizens of the community they serve.

Last year, I had the occasion to visit the current Batavia Police Headquarters building for a brief meeting with an Office on a minor matter. It raining outside and water was running down one of the walls and it was clear that while it was neat and orderly, the building was clearly past the end of its useful life. I remarked to the Officer that as a member of the community, I’m a bit embarrassed to say this is our Police HQ and remarked that it must be a bit of a de-motivator to work there. She politely deflected the comment but it was clear that she agreed.

Our police department and its officers deserve more from all of us than to have to work in such a tired and ill-suited facility.

About the proposed new facility:

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Respectfully,

Ken Barrett
Office of the Sheriff  
Genesee County, New York  
William A. Sheron, Jr., Sheriff  
Bradley D. Mazur, Undersheriff  

April 4, 2022  

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Re: Letter of Support  

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WAS/cdp
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CC: City Council Members
April 6, 2022

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David A. Rumsey
Commissioner
April 1, 2022

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Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church
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Lynda Battaglia, LCSW
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There have been no less than five studies conducted since 1991 to determine the future of the police station in Batavia, as well as a citizen task force commissioned to investigate possible site locations. Recently, the Batavia City Council and Management Staff have identified the site location and are moving into the design phase of the facility.

The new police station will be constructed downtown, and will be a standalone one-story structure that can efficiently and effectively serve as a long-term solution for a modernizing the City of Batavia Police Department.

The facility will improve the quality, efficiency, security, and regulatory compliance features of the services and activities provided by the Police Department, while enhancing the opportunities to meet community needs. The new station and headquarters will be designed with New York State Accreditation standards in mind, including LEED and will be ADA compliant. In short, the new station and headquarters will be a welcoming place for all persons in our community.
The project will enhance the ability of the City of Batavia Police Department to respond to emergency calls from residents to include medical calls, criminal matters and mental health assistance in a faster and more efficient manner due to the location of the facility in the heart of downtown. The new facility will allow the department to engage better with the community by becoming a place for community events and educational forums, thereby strengthening the already strong bond the Department has with the community.

Therefore, it is without hesitation that I support the construction of the new Batavia Public Safety Facility and the grant application submitted by the city.

Sincerely,

Erik Fix
President
Genesee County Chamber of Commerce