



Profoundly PUBLIC.

Fall 2025

Dear Erie County Legislator Gilmour,

I want to thank you for all the work you have done for our community. I am your constituent and a proud patron of the Lackawanna Public Library, a member of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. I am writing to encourage you to **vote in favor** of Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz's proposed 2026 budget allocation of Library Real Property Taxes in the amount of \$31,875,741.

The library remains **profoundly public** — one of the last places where access to knowledge is truly free and belongs to everyone. I love my library because it offers services and programs to meet the needs of everyone. I use the Library for:

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| ☐ Traditional and e-book borrowing | ☐ Family and literacy programs |
| ☐ CD, DVD, and Blu-ray borrowing | ☐ Streaming movies and music |
| ☐ Internet/Wi-Fi access | ☐ Research/databases |
| ☐ Computers, printers, and fax machines | ☐ Community meeting rooms |
| ☐ Computer training | ☐ MakerSpaces/Library of Things |
| ☐ Business and career resources | ☐ Other: _____ |

As an Erie County resident and one of over 415,000 Buffalo & Erie County Public Library cardholders, I believe libraries are among our community's most valuable assets. **I urge you to support the proposed library funding in the 2026 budget.**

Thank you for investing in our libraries and our community's quality of life.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip code: _____

*The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library will deliver your signed letter to your legislator in advance of the budget vote.
Please give this signed letter to a staff member or you can scan it and email it to: communications@buffalolib.org.*

Thank you.