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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

October 28, 2016

James L. Coughlan, Comptroller
Dutchess County Office of the Comptroller
22 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

RE: Audit Payments to Municipalities for Snow and Ice Control

Dear Mr. Coughlan:

This letter is provided in response to a DRAFT audit received on October 24, 2016. On page 3 of the audit report under Background, the report states that Towns can assist with snow and ice control on approximately 25% of the County Road System. It should be noted that Towns could assist with more than 25% of the total road system depending upon the needs of the County Department of Public Works and at the discretion of the Commissioner. The 2013 Resolution does not limit town assistance to a maximum of 25%.

I agree with both the observations and recommendations noted in the audit report; specifically, I strongly agree with the recommendation to discontinue our practice of paying the Town Superintendents as County Employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the DRAFT audit report.

Please feel free to contact my office if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Balkind".

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