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October 1, 2013

Mr. Charles Corcoran
Chair
Olean Urban Renewal Agency
101 East State Street
Olean, NY 14760

Dear Mr. Corcoran and Directors of the Olean Urban Renewal Agency:

The **Olean Urban Renewal Agency** failed to file Annual and Audit Reports for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013 a Budget Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. As a result, the Olean Urban Renewal Agency was included on published lists of state and local authorities that are out of compliance with state law. These lists were released by the Authorities Budget Office (ABO) in July 2012, January 2013, and July 2013. Furthermore, the authority was sent an official warning letter on March 27, 2013.

On August 8, 2013, the ABO sent a letter compelling the board of directors and chief executive officer to justify the authority's persistent failure to meet the reporting requirements of sections 2800, 2801, and 2802 of Public Authorities Law. Olean Urban Renewal Agency did not respond to this letter.

As of October 1, 2013 the Olean Urban Renewal Agency remains out of compliance with the public disclosure, reporting and corporate governance provisions of Public Authorities Law. In addition, our records indicate that the board has failed to meet its statutory obligation to participate in mandatory training that focuses on the governance, accountability and ethical responsibilities of directors. Accordingly, pursuant to its powers under Section 6(2)(f) of Public Authorities Law, the ABO is sending this official letter of censure to the board of directors of the Olean Urban Renewal Agency.

As a public authority, the Olean Urban Renewal Agency is expected to be timely and transparent with its financial reporting and to be accountable to the public. This letter of censure is the result of the board's collective failure to take appropriate corrective action when the authority was previously warned that it was out of compliance. Those warnings constitute reasonable evidence that the board and the authority's management were made aware of this situation. The fact you continue to ignore your legal obligations is unacceptable. This behavior demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of your fiduciary responsibilities and is a serious violation of your duty as a director or officer of this authority.

This letter is being made part of the public record. Disclosure of this censure letter may be required by federal securities law, should the authority finance debt in the future. Furthermore, should the board of directors and the chief executive officer fail to bring the Olean Urban Renewal Agency into compliance, the ABO may take additional steps, including initiating legal action, to access the records, books, and financial documents of the authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Kidera".

David Kidera
Director

cc: John Ash, Vice Chairman
Mayor Linda Witte, Board Member
Ann McLaughlin, Board Member
Laurie Branch, Board Member
Deanna Foster, Board Member
James Finch, Board Member

Mary George, CD Program Coordinator
Assemblyman Joseph Giglio
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