



June 21, 2006

Hon. Alan Hevesi
Office of the New York State Comptroller
22 Computer Drive West
Albany, New York 12205

Dear Alan:

I am contacting you in light of a Buffalo News article from Tuesday, June 20, titled "Mohan seeks budget help from Hevesi" (*copy enclosed*). Based on interest from Buffalo Niagara Partnership members, we have been following closely the budget situation in the Town of Amherst under its previous and current leadership.

In 2003, at the request of the Amherst Town Board, Partnership volunteers took on the task of analyzing the Town of Amherst government in great detail in our Amherst "Who Does What?" project. Project staff and volunteers conducted numerous interviews with policymakers, department heads and staff, state and county officials and others in order to compile a set of objective, "good-government" recommendations. Thousands of pages of documents from the Town of Amherst were reviewed and analyzed before determining suggested cost-saving actions.

In light of Supervisor Satish Mohan's request to your office, I have enclosed a copy of the 2003 Amherst "Who Does What?" report for your review. We believe that many of the opportunities highlighted in it unfortunately have not been addressed and still exist. With the town facing a \$4 million budget gap going into 2007, it seems a good time to revisit its 13 recommendations.

I hope that you find this information useful. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 852-7100 ext. 343.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AJR", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Andrew J. Rudnick
President & CEO

cc: Amherst Supervisor Satish Mohan
Amherst Town Board