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The Honorable County Executive  
The Chair of the County Legislature  
The Chair of the Ways and Means Committee  
The Chief Fiscal Officer  
The Clerk of the County Legislature

My office has conducted confirmations of the collateral securing the uninsured portion of the county's deposits. The objective was to ensure the amount of collateral being held was in accordance with the county's investment policy.

The investment policy calls on the county auditors to audit the county's investments for compliance with the policy. This review was done to ensure the safety of the county's deposits, one of the primary objectives of the investment policy.

The county's investment policy requires the market value of the collateral to be at least 102% of the uninsured portion of the county's deposits. The confirmations we received were for the collateral in place to secure the deposits on 9/30/08. The county has 6 custodians of collateral securing the deposits at 10 banks. The confirmations received from the custodians demonstrate the county's deposits were properly secured with a sufficient amount of collateral. This collateral is held specifically to secure the deposits of Onondaga County.

While the taxpayers continue to worry about their financial future and the financial well being of their government, we should take opportunities like this to make them aware of the fiscal policies the county has in place to secure their assets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Antonacci II".

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**Collateral Confirmation  
Additional Information**

The objective of the collateral confirmations is to ensure the safety of the county's deposits. On 9/30/08 FDIC covered \$100,000 for savings accounts and \$100,000 for non-interest bearing accounts. Any amounts above this coverage are referred to as the uninsured portion of deposits. General Municipal Law, Section 10 requires all uninsured deposits of Onondaga County be secured by eligible collateral. Eligible collateral is defined by law and our investment policy.

Individual letters were sent from the Comptroller to each custodian bank seeking a statement of eligible collateral as of 9/30/08. Based on the collateral confirmations and bank account information obtained from the Financial Analyst and Accountant I in Finance the following information was obtained:

	Market Value of Eligible Collateral	County Deposits	Uninsured Portion of Deposits	102% of Uninsured Deposits
<b>Bank of New York, as Custodian</b>				
Bank of America	\$ 12,588,506.98	\$ 12,541,672.79	\$ 12,341,672.79	\$ 12,588,506.25
Citizens Bank	38,113,405.90	37,176,709.85	36,976,709.85	37,716,244.05
M&T Bank	3,932,421.57	3,996,004.52	3,796,004.52	3,871,924.61
<b>M&amp;T Bank, as Custodian</b>				
Adirondack Bank	1,424,628.06	1,005,436.94	905,436.94	923,545.68
Alliance Bank	37,527,057.32	36,421,918.35	36,221,918.35	36,946,356.72
First Niagara Commercial Bank	6,363,014.24	5,478,901.63	5,378,901.63	5,486,479.66
<b>JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Custodian</b>				
HSBC Bank	59,769,862.07	58,784,775.33	58,584,775.33	59,756,470.84
<b>Bank of New York, as Custodian</b>				
Key Bank	13,941,004.38	12,926,895.32	12,726,895.32	12,981,433.23
<b>Federal Reserve Bank New York, as Custodian</b>				
JPMorgan Chase	16,594,436.11	16,468,952.39	16,268,952.39	16,594,331.44
<b>Federal Home Loan Bank, as Custodian</b>				
Solvay Bank	18,241,135.10	17,548,921.12	17,348,921.12	17,695,899.54
	<u>\$208,495,471.73</u>	<u>\$ 202,350,188.24</u>	<u>\$200,550,188.24</u>	<u>\$ 204,561,192.01</u>

As the above chart illustrates, in all cases the market value of the eligible collateral was greater than 102% of the uninsured portion of the deposits. The amount of eligible collateral is updated daily to respond to changes in account balances.