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Mr. Michael P. Kearns
President Pro Tempore
South District Council Member
65 Niagara Square, 1401 City Hall
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Dear Mr. Kearns:

Thank you for your letter, dated June 23, 2009, requesting that my staff perform a full and complete audit of the management and expenditure of Community Development Block Grant program funds administered by the City of Buffalo, Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency and Buffalo Economic Renaissance (corporation).

Based on our review of the HUD Monitoring Report and discussions with the HUD Buffalo Community Planning and Development Director, we have concluded that an audit of the corporation is warranted. My audit staff anticipates initiating the audit by early September 2009. We have assigned case number HL-09-0960 to this review and request that you refer to the case number in future communications regarding this matter.

We appreciate your interest in the integrity of HUD programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth M. Donohue".

Kenneth M. Donohue
Inspector General