CITY OF BUFFALO
BYRON W. BROWN
MAYOR

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Mr. Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I was disappointed to read in today's *Buffalo News* your comments regarding the City of Buffalo during yesterday's press conference in Toronto.

I understand your decision to schedule pre-season and regular season Bills' games over the next five years in Toronto and I appreciate all that the Bills have done to remain a viable National Football League franchise in Buffalo and Western New York.

The City of Buffalo, especially over the past two years, is clearly moving in the right direction and has experienced a level of investment and development not seen in generations. Add to that positive growth, the city's continuing fiscal improvement, and it becomes indisputable that the City of Buffalo is making significant progress.

There is no question that the city and region experienced decades-long difficulties and overcoming the impact of those difficulties will not occur overnight. But progress is being made and, as I noted earlier, the city is moving forward, in a positive direction.

I think you should see the evidence of this progress for yourself and then realize that the City of Buffalo is not stagnant or at death's door. In fact, it's just the opposite. Over the past two years Buffalo has experienced over $4.4 billion in investment and development projects, including the landing of Labatt USA's national headquarters and New Era Cap Company's international headquarters, both of which are located in downtown Buffalo.

The Bills have been an important part of Buffalo throughout the team's history and there is no doubt the team's brand has had a positive impact on the city and region. I look forward to showing you personally the strong progress now taking place throughout Buffalo.

Sincerely,

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