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OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT

The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation fully supports and appreciates the continued efforts of U.S. Congressman Brian Higgins (NY-27th) to secure additional funding for waterfront revitalization projects in Western New York.

With progress on the redevelopment of Buffalo's inner and outer harbor areas at an all-time high, the Corporation looks forward to working with Congressman Higgins, Governor David Paterson and other involved parties to ensure that momentum continues and additional projects such as Canal Side reach fruition.

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation is a subsidiary agency of Empire State Development Corporation (ESD). Its vision is to revitalize Western New York's waterfront and restore economic growth to Buffalo based on the region's legacy of pride, urban significance and natural beauty. ESD is the New York's chief economic development agency and also oversees the marketing of "I Love NY," the state's iconic tourism brand. For more information, please visit www.eriecanalharbor.com, or www.nylovesbiz.com.

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