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!ALERT!

TO OUR VALUED NIAGARA COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

AVOID BEING SCAMMED!

Dear Niagara County Property Owner,

As Niagara County Clerk, I am writing this letter to warn you to be on the lookout for a direct mail solicitation letter offering to obtain a certified copy of your deed for you at costs of over $60.00. **I want you to know this is a *scam*!**

You should never have to pay for a certified copy through a mailing of this nature. Deeds are recorded in my office and then returned to the party who has recorded them. In most cases, the attorney representing the new property owner.

The mailing I am referring to advises recipients that a deed was *"recorded by the Niagara County Clerk"*, and recommends that property owners should have a certified copy of their deed. The mailing also invites homeowners to order a "certified copy" of their deed by mailing or faxing a return form along with payment.

A certified copy of your deed may be obtained from my office for approximately $5.00. *If your deed was filed in my office, it has been recorded and remains valid whether or not you have a certified copy of that deed in your possession.*

You are not required to do so, but if you are interested in obtaining a certified copy of your deed at any time, please feel free to come to my office, located in the Niagara County Courthouse at 175 Hawley St., Lockport between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you need a certified copy of your deed for any reason and don't wish to visit the office in person, I urge you to call 716-439-7022 to speak to a staff member. They will be happy to help you!

Best regards,

Joseph A. Jastrzemski
NIAGARA COUNTY CLERK