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Hon. Gerald Fiorini, Chairman
Board of Legislators
Oneida County
800 Park Ave.
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Dear Chairman Fiorini:

I cannot express to you strongly enough my feelings of outrage and frustration at the manner in which the Board of Elections conducted the ballot counting and reporting of the results for the 2010 General Election.

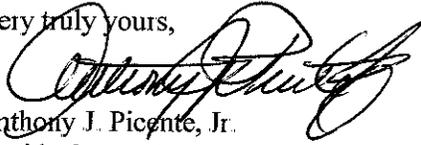
Pursuant to the Board of Legislators' power set forth in Article II, Section 202 (i) of the Charter, I respectfully request that the Board immediately convene a committee for the sole purpose of investigating the conduct and procedures of the Board of Elections as same were implemented during last night's elections.

The delay in receiving any information or election results until after 11:00 pm, the supposed setting by the Board of Elections of some arbitrary percentage vote return before tallies would be made available, the disregard for the interests of the candidates and the public and the general disorganization in collecting the votes themselves is a situation which requires the attention of the Board of Legislators as the appointing authority of the Board of Elections.

The embarrassing delay in reporting election night returns has become a source of ridicule and criticism aimed at the County. As the County Executive, I cannot allow this situation to be repeated in any election year. The Board of Elections is within the Board of Legislators' jurisdiction and I implore the Board to take immediate action to address this matter.

We must restore confidence in this most basic of franchises, the right to vote and to learn the results of that vote in a reasonably timely manner. The Board of Elections, in my opinion, failed to operate in the best interests of the public in their conduct of reporting the results of the November 2, 2010 election.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony J. Picente, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Oneida County Executive

Cc: Board of Legislators
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