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CITY OF LACKAWANNA STATEMENT REGARDING BUFFALO CLINICAL LAB

February 4, 2026 (Lackawanna, New York). On February 2, 2026, Buffalo Clinical Lab made statements to local media outlets that their facility in the City of Lackawanna was forced to close due to lack of funding from the city.

The City of Lackawanna vigorously disputes this accusation with the following facts:

- The City of Lackawanna has no contractual or other business relationship with Buffalo Clinical Lab nor has it ever, at any time, provided funding to support their business operation.
- As a practical matter, Lackawanna has neither the mechanisms or resources to provide direct or indirect financial support to any of the non-profit entities which provide valuable and needed services to its many residents and businesses.
- Furthermore, it is not legally permissible for a municipality to provide operating support , as this would be considered a gift of public funds.
- Therefore, the public media statement by Buffalo Clinical Lab that the City of Lackawanna "defunded" their operation and caused it to close is blatantly false.

Buffalo Clinical Lab appears to be facing a difficult business challenge. And we empathize with their situation. However, their false statement that the City of Lackawanna is both the cause of and solution for their private business problem makes it necessary for the City to publicly refute this accusation.

We thank our local media partners for listening to the facts and providing objective coverage of the matter.