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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Rm 710
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Re: RP-554 Application for Corrected Tax Roll – Albany County Land Bank
298 Colonie St – 65.65-7-4

Dear Chairman Joyce,

Enclosed is an application to correct one tax bill for a parcel owned by the Albany County Land Bank. The NYS Legislature passed a bill that exempts real property of a land bank from taxation upon the date of transfer of title, notwithstanding the applicable taxable status date. The Albany County Land Bank acquired 298 Colonie St on 12/21/2018, just before the 2019 City of Albany tax bill was issued.

According to Real Property Tax Law, the county legislature of any county shall direct the cancellation of any unpaid tax levied or imposed by such county where the lien of such tax is rendered permanently unenforceable. Pursuant to the legislation, and the administration of the Land Bank exemption, I recommend correcting the unlawful entries by cancelling the appropriate tax.

Sincerely,

Michael McGuire, Director
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CC: Dennis Feeny, Majority Leader
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