



CITY OF BUFFALO

BYRON W. BROWN
MAYOR



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Mr. Arthur Schwartz
National Academy of Forensic Engineers
140 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I write to welcome you and your fellow forensic engineers to the City of Buffalo for your 2018 Summer Meeting. Buffalo is a wonderful place to visit during the summer. We have a wide array of activities to offer your members, from events at Canalside to tours of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Darwin Martin house near Delaware Park, I am confident that you will find something that appeals to everyone in your group.

Buffalo's past, as well as its future, has relied on the hard work of engineers. The design and building of the Erie Canal helped secure Buffalo's position as a center of commerce and industry during the 19th century. And today, our Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and the Riverbend work site are employing engineers who are reviving the area's economy through the development of technology that will enhance people's quality of life. As technology and industry become more intertwined in our lives, the role of engineers is also becoming more critical than ever. In the case of your chosen profession, forensic engineering, you are helping us understand and learn critical lessons from engineering failures and shortcomings. This is also an important endeavor and should not be overshadowed by other areas of your field.

Thank you for choosing Buffalo as the site of your Summer Meeting. I hope that you all come back, as a group and individually, to spend more time getting to know Buffalo. I am confident that if you do, you will come to know and appreciate it in the same way I have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Byron W. Brown".

Byron W. Brown
Mayor