

March 16, 2011

The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor of New York City  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

I was truly disappointed in hearing your negative remarks about our great City of Buffalo and the hard working People of Buffalo, New York.

Your comments: ... "there's an awful lot of free space in Buffalo, New York if you want to go there. I don't think you do..." The hidden treasures of the City of Buffalo are the people who are hard working, kind and very compassionate. Many people who come to our City find a loving and caring community with great morals, great ethnic diversity and zeal to help and care for others. Many who come to Buffalo often find ways to retire back to Buffalo or seek employment and make Buffalo, New York their home.

With the World on edge in regards to the earthquake in Japan, tensions in the Middle East, rising fuel costs, people out of work, and family struggles it would seem that Government Officials need to work together with the People of our Nation in trying to help each other and not divide or add more tension. Your comments about the City of Buffalo and the People of our great nation, shows how out of touch you are with the common folks on the street. Also Mayor, let me remind you it was VOLUNTEERS from our Buffalo Police, Fire EMS & Chaplains Units that came to help, to care and to serve at Ground Zero. There were many of us from Buffalo, New York who were "in the pit" at Ground Zero looking for survivors or those who passed away. We came with our love, our care, our concern and our hearts to help the wonderful people of New York City.

In closing, the great novelist Samuel Butler once wrote: ... "the space of your land reflects the space of your heart..." The People of Buffalo have large hearts that reflect our love and space for all who come to our great city. Come and visit our great City of Buffalo Mayor Bloomberg!

Sincerely,

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