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Dear County Executive Latimer:

I write in support of your proposed County legislation regarding Lithium-Ion Batteries. As the Fire Chief of Greenville Fire District, I am very concerned about the growing prevalence of devices with Lithium-Ion Batteries, and the potential they cause difficult to control fires. Such fires are especially dangerous because of the toxic fumes they generate and because they burn much hotter and faster than most other types of fires.

I appreciate the County taking action to help prevent Lithium-Ion Battery related fires. The proposed county legislation to require safety standards for e-bikes and other mobility devices sold within the county, to prohibit the use or sale of reassembled or reconditioned batteries, to require point of sale warning notices, and to develop a public education and outreach campaign, will go a long way towards alleviating the fire risk caused by these batteries in our community.

In addition, our local Fire Department appreciates the County stepping up to create a battery disposal program. This solves a significant problem faced by our department and by our residents.

We strongly support this legislation, and we are glad that Westchester County is taking a leadership role on this important and growing safety problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gus Spedalieri', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gus Spedalieri, Fire Chief  
Greenville Fire District