



**COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE  
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT**

Board of Directors  
Tioga Tobacco Asset  
Securitization Corporation  
Owego, New York

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (TTASC), a component unit of the County of Tioga, for the year ended December 31, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 12, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

**Significant Audit Matters**

**Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2024. We noted no transactions entered into by TTASC during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting TTASC's financial statements were the calculation of tobacco settlement receivables and accreted interest.

Management's estimate of the calculation of tobacco settlement receivables is based on historical trends and expected revenue. Management's estimate of the accreted interest is based on the bond repayment schedule and agreement. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the calculation of tobacco settlement receivables and accreted interest in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users.

The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was bonds payable, the disclosure of which is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### **Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### **Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements detected as the result of audit procedures.

#### **Disagreements With Management**

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### **Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated July 17, 2025.

#### **Management Consultations With Other Independent Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to TTASC's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### **Other Audit Findings or Issues**

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as TTASC's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

**Restriction on Use**

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors, Audit Committee, and management of the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Inero & Co. CPAs, LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Inero & Co. CPAs, LLP  
Certified Public Accountants

Ithaca, New York

July 17, 2025