



Press Release

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Zyra Rejects Proposal To Cap Gas Tax

Rochester, New York – June 13, 2006: Monroe County Legislature President Wayne Zyra has rejected a Democratic proposal calling for a cap on gasoline sales tax. Soaring fuel prices have been straining the resources of families and businesses alike, and the Democrats hoped to provide consumers relief by enacting a cap at the county level.

Legislator Stephanie Aldersley and fellow Democrats introduced the legislation to cap the local share of sales tax on gasoline at eight cents per gallon.

“It is disappointing that, because of President Zyra’s decision, the full Legislature will not even have the chance to discuss this proposal,” Aldersley said.

Gasoline is one of the most heavily taxed commodities in New York State. Monroe County residents are consistently forced to pay higher prices per gallon than the national average.

“We believe that there is broad community support for this measure,” said Aldersley, “and, at the very least, it merits consideration by the entire Legislature.”

If the Legislature had adopted this legislation at today’s meeting, the new rate could have gone into effect as early as July 1.

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**Legislator Aldersley will be available to talk with press
at 5:30 p.m. this evening,
Where: Monroe County Office Building, Room 408**