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County Democrats Support Job Growth

Legislator Andrews Calls on County Executive to Report Progress

Rochester, New York – October 23, 2006: Monroe County Legislator Carrie Andrews (D-Rochester) will lead the debate at this evening's Planning and Economic Development Committee over a proposal to require the County Executive to report the progress of Monroe County's Empire Zones. Currently, companies benefiting from the Empire Zone incentives receive numerous benefits including sales tax exceptions, yet no report of the programs progress has ever been made to the County Legislature. In an effort to gage the economic success of the Monroe County Empire Zone, the Democratic proposal seeks annual reporting that includes:

- a listing of all Monroe County Empire Zone applicants
- an account of all companies receiving Monroe County Empire Zone benefits and incentives
- the number of net new jobs created by each Monroe County Empire Zone beneficiary
- the total capital investment made by each Monroe County Empire Zone beneficiary

"Taxpayers need to know they are getting their money's worth." said Legislator Andrews. "We must make efficient and successful economic development policies one of our top priorities." Legislator Andrews is seeking bi-partisan support for her accountability measure saying "Even Republican Legislators can agree we need to reverse the countywide trend of job losses."

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