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Democratic Caucus Calls on Republican Legislators to Support MCWA Reform

Rochester, New York – September 22, 2006: The Monroe County Legislature's Democratic Caucus is calling on individual Republican legislators to support three proposals before the Legislature that address the need for accountability at the Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA).

Democratic leaders Carla M. Palumbo, Harry B. Bronson, and Calvin Lee, Jr., have sent a letter to individual Republican legislators urging them to stand with the Democratic minority and the taxpayers of Monroe County in their efforts to restore the public's trust in the Monroe County Legislature's ability to oversee the MCWA. The Democratic Caucus is specifically asking that individual Republican legislators set aside their partisan agenda and vote to support measures put forth by legislators Travis Heider (D-Brighton) and Paul Haney (D-Rochester).

"It is our sincere hope that county Republicans will break from their leadership's position and support the Water Authority ratepayers of Monroe County," said Palumbo. "The era of unchecked, unaccountable behavior at the Water Authority must come to an end."

The proposals put forth by Legislators Travis Heider (D-Brighton) and Paul Haney (D-Rochester) call for the legislature to:

- Conduct a thorough **investigation** into the actions of the Monroe County Water Authority;
- Withdraw the Legislature's support for MCWA board members that were unable or unwilling to provide oversight of the Water Authority officials' actions by seeking their **resignations**;
- **Reorganize** the MCWA board to comply with the intent of the New York State law that calls for the appointment of a bi-partisan board.

A copy of the letter to legislators is attached.

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