



Press Release

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Republican Legislators Ignore Water Authority Scandal

Rochester, New York – September 25, 2006: County Republicans continue to tread water on Water Authority reform despite efforts by the Monroe County Legislature's Democratic Caucus to reach across the aisle to individual Republican legislators seeking bipartisan support for three proposals before the Legislature that address the need for accountability at the Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA).

At a press conference this morning in Legislative Chambers, Democratic legislators stood alone in their calls for reform at the MCWA in light of the recent scathing State Comptrollers report. Democratic leaders Carla M. Palumbo, Harry B. Bronson, and Calvin Lee, Jr., Friday had sent a letter to individual Republican legislators urging them break from their leadership's position and support the Water Authority ratepayers of Monroe County, yet all Republican legislators failed to attend the press conference and answer questions about the scandal.

The Democratic minority is unanimous in their support for measures put forth by legislators Travis Heider (D-Brighton) and Paul Haney (D-Rochester) that 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.

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