



## Media Alert

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## DEMOCRATS FIGHT FOR STATE GRANT FOR DA'S OFFICE

**Rochester, New York – May 23, 2007:** Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature will continue their effort to secure a \$66,236 New York State grant on behalf of the District Attorney's Office at today's Ways and Means Committee meeting, beginning at 6 p.m. in the legislative chambers. The Public Safety Committee earlier this week declined to approve the funds and instead referred the matter to the Brooks Administration without a vote.

The proposal directs the county to accept the grant, offered by the state Division of Criminal Justice for the explicit purpose of aiding local DAs in the retention and recruitment of public prosecutors. Thus far, the county has refused to do so.

"Playing politics with the safety of Monroe County's families is unacceptable," said Legislator Ted O'Brien, D-Irondequoit, one of the proposal's co-sponsors. "The Ways and Means Committee should act affirmatively on this request, which does not increase the burden on local tax payers. The DA's office has done an outstanding job on behalf of the citizens of Monroe County, and with fewer staff and reduced resources. It's our turn to help them."

A copy of the Democratic referral is attached. For more information, contact Jennifer Skoog-Harvey at 585-753-1940.

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