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Legislator Travis Heider Proposes Cutting Diesel Emissions in Monroe County

Rochester, New York – January 23, 2007: Monroe County Legislator Travis Heider (D-Brighton) has put forth a measure that would cut Monroe County's diesel soot emissions and improve the respiratory health of all residents. Working with members of the American Lung Association, Heider has tailored his after similar measures in other communities in New York State.

This proposal aims to:

- Establish an Idling Law to restrict the idling of diesel motor vehicle engines in Monroe County to no longer than three consecutive minutes when the vehicle is not in motion. Exceptions for this law would be if a vehicle is stopped in traffic, all emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks, or if weather conditions fall below 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Establishing this limit as a local law will enable the County to enforce the idling limit by imposing civil penalties enforceable by local police departments while increasing public awareness of the idling limit.
- Require that by the year 2012, 100% of County-owned, diesel fuel-powered motor vehicles utilize the best available retrofit technology or be equipped with an engine certified to the applicable 2007 US EPA standard for particulate matter.

Heider will be joined by officials from the American Lung Association to discuss the proposal and answer questions at a press conference tomorrow. The measure is before Monroe County's Environment and Public Works Committee tomorrow evening at 4:30 PM.

WHAT: Press Conference

WHEN: Tomorrow, January 24th, 2007 10:30 AM

**WHERE: Democratic Minority Office
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