



# Media Release

## Monroe County Democratic Caucus

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### County Republicans Vote to Keep Barriers to Work for Public Assistance Recipients

**Rochester, New York – March 27, 2007.** The Monroe County Legislature's Human Services committee voted down a proposal this evening by Legislator **Willie Lightfoot** (D-Rochester) that would have reduced public assistance dependency. Lightfoot's proposal would have corrected an ineffective policy in place since July 2005, by have public assistance recipients prioritizing finding a job over simply filling out applications to meet abstract quotas.

"The safety net is supposed to catch people, not ensnare them" said Lightfoot. "It is a disservice to all residents to continue to fund unaccountable programs like this job search requirement that fail to produce results."

#### **Voting For Reform**

José Cruz (D-Rochester)  
Willie Lightfoot (D-Rochester)

#### **Voting Against Reform**

Douglas Dobson (R-Greece)  
David Malta (R-Webster)  
Richard Yolevich (R-Hilton)  
E. Daniel Quatro (R- Webster)  
Ciaran Hanna (R-Fairport)

County Democrats have vowed to continue their push for accountability in all county departments.

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