



# Monroe County Legislature

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To the Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
407 County Office Building  
39 West Main Street  
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**Re: Cost Savings through Fleet Reductions**

Honorable Legislators:

Families across the County have been tightening their belts and doing more with less, setting an example that Monroe County government should be following. The County's projected budget deficit is at record levels, with a cumulative forecasted shortfall of \$105.6 million for 2012 and 2013. As legislators, we must work harder to eliminate expenditures that pose no interruption to quality services delivered to taxpayers.

According to published accounts in the Democrat and Chronicle in 2007, Monroe County had a total non-Sheriff's Office fleet of 743 vehicles. As of December 14, 2010, the fleet included 66 "take-home" vehicles assigned to management and department heads, including the Communications Director, the Deputy and both Assistant County Executives, the Director of Information Technology, and Human Resources director. All these vehicles must be maintained, insured and fueled at taxpayers' expense; the estimated cost for just one non essential "take-home" car is \$3,200 annually.

In 2008, Mayor Robert Duffy turned in the keys to his city-issued car and reduced the remaining City fleet of "take-home" vehicles by 90%, clearly demonstrating to taxpayers that all measures would be taken to address the difficult financial times.

In order to begin to address the impending deficit Monroe County faces, and in an effort to reduce unnecessary tax burdens on taxpayers, we propose the following reductions to the County's fleet. First, we propose the following:



**The specific legislative actions required:**

1) To eliminate in the 2011 Budget the appropriations to fund the following vehicles within the take home fleet:

| <u>Make</u> | <u>Body</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Driver</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Chev        | 4DSD        | Communication     | Lebowitz, N   |
| Ford        | 4DSD        | County Clerk      | Dinolfo, C    |
| Chev        | 4DSD        | County Executive  | Brooks, M     |
| Ford        | 4DSD        | County Executive  | DeLaus, D     |
| Ford        | 4DSD        | County Executive  | Finnerty, K   |
| Ford        | 4DSD        | County Executive  | Helfer, J     |
| Chev        | SUBN 4X4    | DES-PW Admin      | Garland, M    |
| Ford        | SUBN 4X4    | DES-PW Admin      | Maslanka, D   |
| Chev        | SUBN 4X4    | DES-PW Admin      | Posella, T    |
| Chev        | SUBN 4X4    | DES-PW Admin      | Roj, J        |
| Ford        | 4DSD        | District Attorney | Doorley, S    |
| Ford        | 4DSD        | District Attorney | Rodriguez, J  |
| Chev        | SUBN 4X4    | DOT-Admin         | Rice, T       |
| Ford        | 4DSD        | Health- Admin     | Doniger, A    |
| Ford        | 4DSD        | Human Resources   | Connard, B    |
| Chev        | 4DSD        | Info. Services    | Rivera, N     |
| Chev        | 4DSD        | Finance           | Adair, S      |
| Ford        | 4DSD        | Airport           | Walsh, S      |
| Onan        | SUBN 4X4    | Parks- Admin      | Staub, L      |
| Chev        | SUBN 4X4    | Parks-Sup Serv    | Quayle, T     |
| Chev        | 4DSD        | Planning          | Seil, J       |
| Chev        | 4DSD        | Social Services   | Reed, K       |

2) To call upon the Administration to develop a prioritized report of the entire existing fleet, in order for this Honorable Body to make additional cuts for the upcoming 2012 Proposed County Budget process, by reducing the County's fleet by 25%.

It is estimated that through the immediate eliminations, the current 2011 Budget could see a \$70,000 in reduced fleet expenditures. We will achieve an additional \$400,000 to \$500,000 in savings, through reductions to the remaining fleet in future budgets, which will be realized as a recurring savings.

Respectfully submitted,

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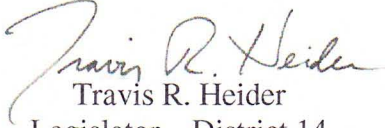
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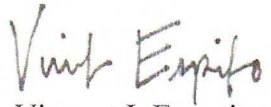
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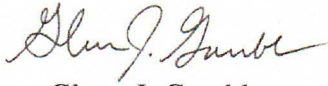
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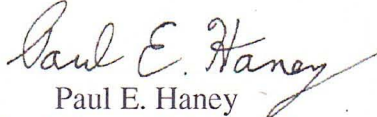
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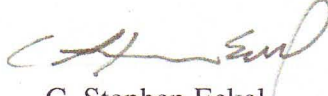
  
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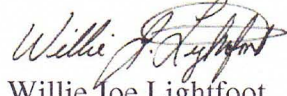
  
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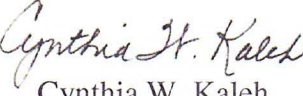
  
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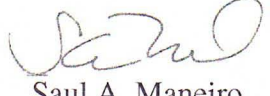
  
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