



## Media Release

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## Democrats Vote to Restore Sales Tax Free Week

**Rochester, New York – February 28, 2008.** Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature last night voted in favor of restoring the Sales Tax Free Week program, but the proposal was rejected by the Republican Majority.

The proposal was originally introduced at the January 23, 2008 meeting of the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee, but was tabled due to republican claims that the F.A.I.R. plan prohibited implementation of the Sales Tax Free Week.

Having determined that Sales Tax Free Week could be implemented, Republican Legislators nevertheless voted against extending this tax break to Monroe County residents.

Legislator Ted O'Brien, D-Irondequoit, said "This proposal would have saved the taxpayers hard earned income, while simultaneously providing a boost to our struggling economy. Republican Legislators had no problem voting for this in the past when it was proposed by a Republican. They have abandoned taxpayers in a time of great need and they should be ashamed."

Legislator Harry Bronson, D-Brighton, Henrietta and Rochester, said "This Republican Majority can no longer claim to be the party of lower taxes and fiscal responsibility because tonight they voted against supporting our taxpayers."

(Please find the proposal attached)

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