



## Media Release

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## Democrats Blast Continuing Water Authority Patronage Legislation Defeated on Party Line Vote

**Rochester, New York – March 25, 2008.** Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature are denouncing the Republican Majority's refusal to ensure a meaningful, bipartisan composition on the County's Water Authority Board.

Legislation giving the President of the Legislature four appointments and the Minority Leader three appointments to the seven member board was defeated by a 2-2 vote at last night's Agenda Charter Committee meeting, with Legislators Cindy Kaleh, D-Rochester, and Jose Cruz, D-Rochester, supporting the measure.

Legislator Travis Heider, D-Brighton, the prime sponsor of the bill, said "Despite repeated, proven failures to exercise their oversight duties, the Water Authority board continues to consist of only Republicans and Conservatives – hardly a bipartisan composition. With the recent allegations of political influence on the Monroe Community College Board of Trustees – chaired by Water Authority Treasurer Richard Guon – as well as the recent indictment of John Stanwix, the public's desire for meaningful oversight on the Water Authority Board continues to gain momentum."

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