



# Media Release

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## Democrats Release Defender Selection Details

**Rochester, New York – January 25, 2008.** County Legislature Democrats are releasing a letter which was hand-delivered this morning to Legislature President Wayne Zyra (R).

By way of background, on January 22, President Zyra sent an offer to the Monroe County Bar Association regarding their inclusion in the process of selecting our next public defender. In response, the Bar Association requested clarification as to the specifics of President Zyra's offer.

The Democratic Caucus continues to support an inclusive, merit-based selection process for our next public defender. In that regard, please find the attached letter from the Minority Leader and all Democratic members of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee detailing our position as it relates to the Bar Association's request for clarification.

All 29 members of the Legislature were provided a copy of the letter.

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