



## Media Release

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## Democrats Applaud Paterson Commitment to Upstate Call for Approval of \$1 Billion Upstate Revitalization Fund

**Rochester, New York – March 20, 2008.** Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature today joined with Governor David Paterson in supporting the proposed \$1 billion Upstate Revitalization Fund.

Assistant Democratic Leader Calvin Lee, D-Rochester, whose district includes Midtown Plaza, said “Governor Paterson’s continued support for the Upstate Revitalization Fund shows his dedication to the upstate economy. With funding for the promising new Paetec expansion included in this fund, it is imperative that the State Legislature ensure the revitalization funding is incorporated in this year’s budget.”

The Upstate Revitalization Fund includes, among other things, \$115 million in City-by-City investments across upstate, including the Midtown Plaza site funding, as well as \$100 million for a Housing Opportunity Fund and \$350 million for a Regional Blueprint Fund spur business development opportunities.

Democratic Leader Harry Bronson, D-Rochester, Brighton and Henrietta, said “I am proud to lend my voice to the growing coalition in support of the Upstate Revitalization Fund. This fund will spur economic growth and help turn back the drain of young, educated residents to other regions.”

Assistant Democratic Leader Carrie Andrews, D-Rochester, said “There is nothing this community needs more than greater educational, housing and employment opportunities. With the passage of the Upstate Revitalization Fund, those opportunities spring up across our area, alleviating some of the many challenges we face. I am proud to support Governor Paterson in his pursuit to make the American dream a reality for this community.”

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