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Democrats Call For Unity Resolving Budget Crisis

Rochester, New York – March 21, 2008. Democrats in the County Legislature responded to today's opinion rejecting the County Executive's so-called F.A.I.R. plan by requesting the Brooks administration bring all interested stake holders together to create a true community solution to the county's ongoing budget crisis.

Legislator Harry Bronson, D-Rochester, Brighton and Henrietta, said "This unfortunate set of circumstances could have been avoided if County Republicans had only brought everyone together to achieve a meaningful, long-term solution to our budget crisis. Instead, County Executive Brooks proposed, and the Republican Majority rubber-stamped, this ill-conceived plan at the eleventh hour with no public input."

"Our caucus strongly encourages the administration to reverse their partisan driven course and bring about a true community solution," Bronson added.

The Appellate Division ruled that the County Legislature effectively attempted to unilaterally define a term ("net collections") that is written into state tax law.

"Today's ruling is a complete vindication of the position our caucus has long held. It is truly unfortunate that our community had to be put through months of litigation simply because the Executive chose to shift the budget crisis onto the back's of our children. We strongly advise the administration to relent on their pursuit of these children's school funds. The only acceptable resolution to this continuing budget crisis is for the administration to bring this community together to craft a meaningful solution to these longstanding fiscal problems," Bronson continued.

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