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## Democrats Demand Brooks' Alternative Budget

**Rochester, New York – June 5, 2008.** In response to today's refusal by the Appellate Division to hear an appeal of the decision invalidating the so-called F.A.I.R. plan, Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature called on the Brooks' administration to put forth the alternative budget that is required by legislation unanimously passed by the County Legislature on April 8, 2008.

With today's ruling, the administration's only option is to ask New York's highest court, the Court of Appeals, to hear their appeal of the Appellate Division's unanimous decision overturning the so-called F.A.I.R. plan.

Democratic Leader Harry Bronson (Rochester, Henrietta & Brighton) said, "This administration has delayed their alternative budget long enough. Today's decision provides a clear warning that time is running out. The Legislature must have the alternative budget plan soon to allow adequate time for deliberations and possible adjustments. The last thing this County needs is another ill advised budget plan submitted at the eleventh hour and rubberstamped wholesale by the Republican Majority. Failing to provide the alternative budget plan would be a tremendous disservice to taxpayers.

"It's time for the petty partisan games to end. The so-called F.A.I.R. plan was a poor plan from the start and now the courts have deemed it illegal. We certainly hope the Republican Majority will see that the best interests of Monroe County's taxpayers are served by joining our call for the administration to produce this much delayed but critical plan," Bronson added.

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