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## **Democrats: Abandoning FAIR Plan Appeal Right Decision**

**Rochester, New York – July 7, 2008.** Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature are pleased that the unnecessary F.A.I.R. plan litigation has come to an end and that a settlement in principle has been reached with the School Districts. Finally, County Executive Brooks has abandoned the portion of the so-called F.A.I.R. plan that illegally intercepted School District's sales tax revenue.

Although Democratic members of the Legislature have not been briefed on the details of the settlement, today's announcement vindicates their long held opposition to the F.A.I.R. plan, which was introduced and passed without any oversight by the Republican Majority mere hours after it was introduced.

Democratic Leader Harry Bronson (D-Rochester, Brighton and Henrietta) said, "Today's announcement is a victory for Monroe County's school children and the taxpayers of this county who have opposed the poorly conceived F.A.I.R. plan from the moment it was thrust upon the legislature. We are pleased that the County Executive has finally come to realize this litigation needlessly cost county taxpayers millions in legal fees and now likely interest payments. The financial bleeding has stopped for today, but the ill-conceived F.A.I.R. plan will continue to cost taxpayers in the future."

"We are hopeful that the Executive will be forthcoming with some kind of plan, or at least a framework for a plan, to pay for the settlement she has reached with the districts," Bronson added.

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