



## Media Release

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## Democrats Call on Legislature President to Step Down Time is Right for New Leadership

**Rochester, New York – July 15, 2008.** Democrats, citing a need for a new style of collaborative governance, have called for the resignation of Wayne Zyra as President of the Monroe County Legislature.

At an afternoon press conference, Democratic Leader Harry Bronson (D-Rochester) said “The public has clearly asked for a more collaborative county government. If we are truly going to move to an era of working together, we believe that new leadership for the Monroe County Legislature is warranted. Today, we echo the County Executive’s call that the time is right for a change in leadership and a change in direction. Business as usual is a thing of the past. On behalf of all Monroe County residents, it is time to usher in a new day of collaboration, transparency and compromise in the Monroe County Legislature.”

Bronson went on to say “This community has seen repeated abuses of power by the President of the Legislature. He has continued to abuse the use of “special sessions” of the legislature, and introduced referrals as “matters of urgency” to avoid deliberation by the county legislature of extremely important community matters - including the eleventh-hour introduction of the multi-million dollar F.A.I.R. plan. He was heavy handed in the partisan selection of a public defender, and allowed politics to infect the scandalous process for selecting a new President of Monroe Community College.”

Democrats are hopeful that the President will resign and that the Majority caucus can agree on a collaborative new leader. However, if Zyra has not resigned by the August 12 meeting of the Legislature, Democrats will call for a vote to remove the President.

Only one Republican Legislator would need to support this vote in order to be successful. Democrats are cautiously optimistic that there are several Republicans in marginal districts who may be willing to support such a vote.

Please find the letters Democratic Leader Bronson sent to President Zyra and Majority Leader Quatro attached.

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