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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
39 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Re: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to Pass and Governor David A. Paterson to Sign into Law A09247, Expanding Protections for Whistleblowers

Honorable Legislators:

It is unfortunate that there are times when public and private sector officials overstep their professional bounds and duties and act in an illegal manner. In these rare cases, it is vital for the law to protect individuals who risk their professional careers to report such illegal and improper activities. Whistleblower laws and policies are essential tools in fighting against corruption and waste, increasing accountability for both government and private industries and protecting employees who are courageous enough to speak out about wrongdoing.

Currently before the New York State Legislature is bill A09247, sponsored by local Assemblywoman Susan John. This proposed legislation will strengthen protections for "whistleblowers" who disclose information on illegal activities conducted by their employers, while also protecting those employees from retaliatory action for disclosing such information.

It is of critical importance that every employee is empowered to tell the truth, and is provided the necessary professional protections required in order to promote an atmosphere where the wrongdoers, not the whistleblowers, are penalized. Therefore, we urge you to join us in memorializing the New York State Legislature to pass, and Governor David A. Paterson to sign into law bill A09247, thereby extending greater protections to individuals who stand for lawful conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

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