



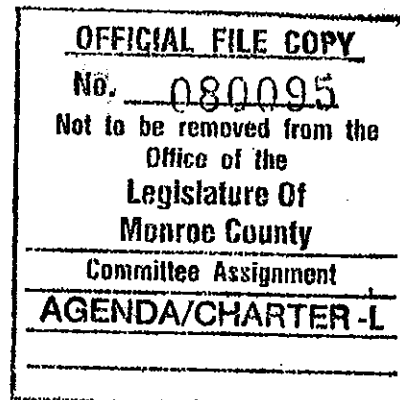
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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
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Re: Monroe County Water Authority Board Reorganization

Honorable Legislators:

Last legislative session, in response to the troubling state audit of the Monroe County Water Authority performed by the New York State Comptroller, we submitted a proposal calling for the reorganization of the Water Authority Board. We believe that the blatant misuse of ratepayer dollars by Water Authority officials for personal financial gain remains a top public concern and still warrants action.

In order to restore the public's trust in county government and the Water Authority Board, and to bring an effective system of checks and balances to the Water Authority, we believe the establishment of a bipartisan board is justified.

Public interest is best served when the true spirit of accountability, balance and bipartisanship are embraced by elected representatives. This Legislature is neglecting the true spirit of bipartisanship when appointing Water Authority Board members. Currently, there is not one sitting board member that shares the same political affiliation of the Democratic Caucus, despite the fact that we hold 48% of the legislative seats. This is a clear manipulation of New York State Public Authorities Law, Article 5, Section 1095, which gives the President of the Monroe Legislature the power to appoint seven members to the Monroe County Water Authority; no more than five of whom shall belong to one political party.

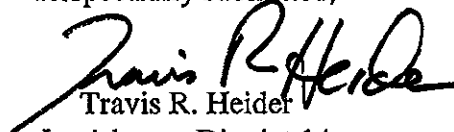
We propose that this Honorable Body call for the reorganization of the Water Authority Board in the following manner: The Monroe County Water Authority, a public benefit corporation, shall consist of seven members: four of whom to be appointed by the President of the Monroe County Legislature and three of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Monroe County Legislature; all seven members will be subject to confirmation by a majority of the Monroe County Legislature.





Furthermore, we propose that this Honorable Body take measures necessary to have New York State Public Authorities Law amended in a manner that will meet the provisions of this proposal.

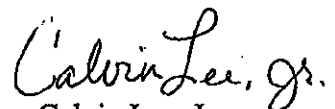
This action shall have no impact upon the 2008 Monroe County budget.

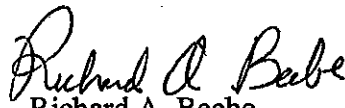
Respectfully submitted,



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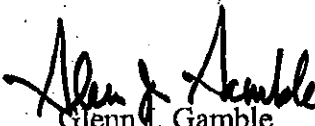

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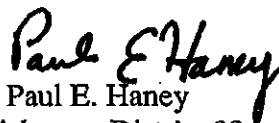

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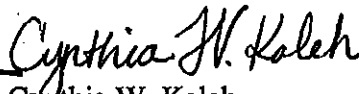

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