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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
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Re: Protecting the Sales Tax Credit to Monroe County Suburban Taxpayers

Honorable Legislators:

On September 26, the majority caucus of this Honorable Body voted to enact the Sales Tax Intercept plan for Monroe County. This irrevocable decision has endangered the unique sharing agreement that for decades has governed the distribution of sales tax revenue among municipalities in Monroe County.

A major component of the Republican plan is Resolution No. 350 of 2007 which gives the County Executive authority to execute intermunicipal agreements with towns, villages, and City of Rochester regarding sales tax distribution.

Sales tax revenue is currently distributed to Monroe County's towns in two different ways – to town governments as a cash payment and to suburban taxpayers in the form of a credit against their county property taxes. Resolution No. 350 protects the cash payments to the town governments, however, it does not wholly preserve the sales tax credit that appears on the tax bill of every suburban taxpayer. This means that, if no further action is taken, suburban residents will see an increase on their 2008 property tax bills.

Therefore, we propose that this Honorable Body amend Resolution No. 350 of 2007 to add a new Section 2 to read as follows:

“The intermunicipal agreements with the towns authorized in Section 1 will provide that the towns will receive funds equal to the cash payments that the towns have received from the Monroe County sales tax, and that the sales tax credit applied against property taxes of taxpayers in the towns of Monroe County will be funded in an amount equal to



the difference between \$55,000,000 in the aggregate and the amount that will now be credited on the county tax bills of town residents as a result of the election under section 2 of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005.”

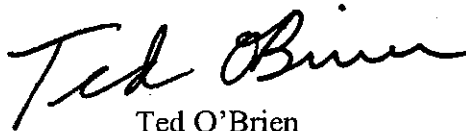
Section 2 of Resolution No. 350 of 2007 shall be renumbered as Section 3 and Section 3 shall be renumbered as Section 4.

This proposal will have no impact on revenues or expenditures of the 2007 Monroe County Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Democratic Leader



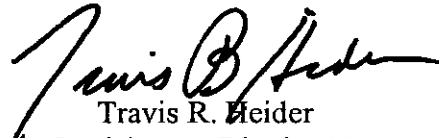
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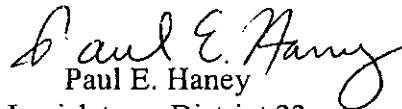
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