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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize an Appropriation Transfer and Intermunicipal Agreements with the City of Rochester and All Towns and Villages Within Monroe County for Continuing COVID-19 Mitigation and Response Actions

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$20,000,000 from the Monroe County Legislature Local Recovery Fund to the Department of Public Health and authorize intermunicipal agreements with the City of Rochester and all towns and villages within Monroe County as may be necessary for continuing COVID-19 mitigation and response actions.

As you are aware, Monroe County has been incurring costs to mitigate the effects of, and respond directly to, the COVID-19 pandemic. For over two years, Monroe County has managed multiple fixed and mobile sites for Coronavirus rapid testing, vaccinations, and boosters, purchased personal protective equipment, test kits, and other medical supplies for use by the County and community at large, and has provided non-congregate sheltering for those requiring quarantine or isolation. Expenses for the aforementioned services have been accounted for within the Department of Public Health for program management, accounting, and reimbursement claiming purposes.

Actions to respond to and mitigate the public health impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic are an allowable use of the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, for which Monroe County was awarded over \$144 million. As such, the Local Recovery Fund was always intended to support the Department of Public Health's efforts. By Section 3 of Resolution 213 of 2021, however, no amount of the County's award may be expensed, charged, appropriated, reserved, encumbered, committed, posted, transferred or otherwise utilized except by resolution of the County Legislature.

The Department of Public Health does not have sufficient appropriations to continue its current or future mitigation and response actions, therefore an appropriation transfer will be required before the next variant of the virus manifests itself. In addition, prior experience has demonstrated that municipal assistance has been valuable to the County in providing support for its response efforts. The ability to quickly engage another municipality – within the appropriation limit requested – via intermunicipal agreement offers flexibility during challenging times.

The specific legislative actions required are:

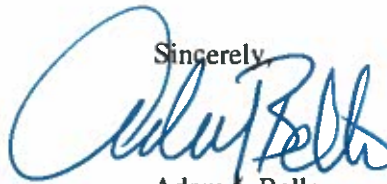
1. Authorize an appropriation transfer of \$20,000,000 from the Monroe County Legislature, general fund 9301, funds center 1001030000, Local Recovery Fund to the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 5801090100, Pandemic Response.
2. Authorize intermunicipal agreements with the City of Rochester and all towns and villages within Monroe County as may be necessary to assist the Department of Public Health in mitigating or responding to local public health impacts.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action," as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.2(b), and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

These actions will have no net impact on the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



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