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

Subject: Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester for Support of the Rochester School Bus Safety Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester to support the City's school bus safety program.

Pursuant to Local Law No. 3 of 2022, Your Honorable Body enacted the Monroe County School Bus Stop Arm Demonstration Program, which imposed monetary liability on the owners of vehicles for failing to stop at school buses displaying red visual signs and stop arms. Thereafter, the County Legislature adopted Resolution 364 of 2022, which authorized the County Executive to enter into a contract with BusPatrol America, LLC to provide and implement a comprehensive school bus stop program ("Monroe County School Bus Safety Program").

Since 2023, the County has implemented the Monroe County School Bus Safety Program, with four school districts participating and a fifth expected to join this fall. On October 22, 2024, the City of Rochester passed an ordinance to establish its own school bus safety program and later executed an agreement with BusPatrol America, LLC to implement its program. During the past year, Monroe County Public Safety staff have engaged with the City of Rochester's Public Safety team to discuss how the County and City might work together to advance student safety.

Monroe County currently employs two full-time enforcement technicians to review video evidence regarding potential violations and to certify or deny whether violations have occurred under its School Bus Safety Program. Given the County's experience with the program and to avoid the hiring of additional personnel, the City has requested that the County permit its Public Safety technicians to review the video evidence for the City's school bus safety program. BusPatrol, LLC has committed to reimburse the County fully for the additional time that the County's enforcement technicians will devote to reviewing the City's video evidence.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the City of Rochester to support the review and certification of video evidence for the City's school bus safety program.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This agreement is revenue generating. No net County support is required in 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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