





# Office of the County Executive Monroe County Legislature

April 4, 2025

To The Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
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Rochester, New York 14614

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**Subject: Home Rule Message for Senate Bill No. S.6692 Entitled "AN ACT to authorize the county of Monroe to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to Carl J. Zimmerman, a sergeant employed by such county"**

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Sheriff Todd K. Baxter.

We recommend that Your Honorable Body adopt a Home Rule Message in regard to the above bill that will authorize Monroe County to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to Sergeant Carl J. Zimmerman of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol.

Sergeant Carl J. Zimmerman began work in the Jail Bureau of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office on October 29, 1990. He transferred to the Road Patrol Division on May 25, 1998. His pension membership should have been transferred to the 20-year retirement plan authorized by §§552 and 553 of Article 14-B of the Retirement and Social Security Law. For reasons unrelated to any negligence on his part, the retirement plan transfer from the jail retirement plan to the authorized Road Patrol Division retirement plan did not occur. It was not until much later that he discovered that he was still in the Jail Bureau retirement plan. At that time, he was informed it was not possible to switch over to his correct retirement system without state legislative approval. To correct this error, this bill would authorize this Honorable Body to offer Sergeant Zimmerman the option to join this Road Patrol Division retirement plan with credit for past service.

**The specific legislative action required is to adopt a Home Rule Message for Senate Bill No. S.6692 Entitled "AN ACT to authorize the county of Monroe to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to Carl J. Zimmerman, a sergeant employed by such county"**

This 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.

Adoption of this Home Rule Message will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget, however, if this bill becomes law, Your Honorable body will have the option of offering this pension benefit to Sergeant Zimmerman, which according to the fiscal note prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller would increase the County's annual contribution to the pension system by approximately \$13,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. In future years, this cost will vary as the billing rates and salary of Carl J. Zimmerman change. In addition to the annual contributions

discussed above, there would be an immediate past service cost of approximately \$120,000, which will be borne by the County as a one-time payment on or before February 1, 2026 or at the County's election, it may amortize this cost over a five-year period, the cost on each year including interest would be \$26,800.

We recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Monroe County Executive



Dave Long  
Monroe County Legislature  
Public Safety, Chairman



Paul Dondorfer  
Monroe County Legislature  
Public Safety, Ranking Member