RE: Opposing the Proposed 45 Percent Thruway Toll Increase on Commercial Vehicles

Honorable Legislators:

During these tough economic times, our State should focus on easing the burdens on business. Instead, the NYS Thruway Authority has proposed a 45% toll increase on the tolls charged for commercial vehicles. This toll increase, combined with a slowly recovering economy and high gas prices, will severely impact the cost of doing business for our local business owners and farmers.

New York State’s economic decisions should be focused on increasing the transportation of goods and produce on our roadways to further promote New York products. In order for our economy to be successful local business must be encouraged; an objective that the Governor is advocating for through his recent television advertisements. If the toll increase prevails, it will inevitably lead to higher prices of food, fuel, feed, and other staples crucial to our economic viability.

The New York State Association of Counties is also opposed to the proposed 45% increase and we as a County should join together and call upon the NYS Thruway Authority to employ cost control measures in order to prevent the need for toll increases. These increases would stifle economic activity such as the transportation of goods and services on New York State’s Thruway.

Without preventing this 45% toll increase from being passed into law, we are hanging our local businesses and farms out to dry. Furthermore, allowing this proposed toll increase become enacted would be in direct opposition to Governor Cuomo’s recent platforms, promising that the “new” New York State is working to attract businesses and help create jobs, as well as nurture start-ups and small businesses. However, if the cost of transportation across the NYS Thruway nearly doubles for commercial vehicles, there will be much less work to be found in New York. Therefore, I urge you to join me in opposing the New York State Thruway Authority’s proposal of raising tolls by 45% in order to protect our local business owners and farmers, and to help promote economic success.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffery R. Adair  
Monroe County Legislature  
President

Anthony Daniele  
Monroe County Legislature  
Majority Leader
To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

RE: Memorializing the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Corps of Engineers to Withdraw the Proposed Expansion of the Jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act

Honorable Legislators:

Monroe County is committed to protecting the environment and following the laws and regulations set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We adhere to those regulations that protect our environment; however the proposed expansion of the Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction creates more hardship on Monroe County than benefits to the environment.

According to the EPA, the objective of the Clean Water Act is to regulate discharge of pollutants into the waters of the United States. With the proposed expansion, the EPA is planning to increase the CWA jurisdiction by removing the word 'navigable' from the definition of waters in the United States. This expansion would increase the jurisdiction to almost every body of water found on our farms, no matter how small, even those considered temporary wet spots. This policy change would occur without legislative authorization by the United States Congress or any rulemaking processes that would include public comments.

This new jurisdiction would increase the scope of the CWA, bringing many public works activities and transportation networks under the guidelines of the CWA that were not applicable in the past. These new requirements and regulatory policies are costly and inefficient for bodies of water that do not require environmental regulations for its purposes. This expansion would come at the expense of the taxpayers of Monroe County, as they would be required to support these projects which have very little environmental benefit on these waters.

I urge the EPA to withdraw the proposal of this expansion of the Clean Water Act. Monroe County supports any environmental government legislation that abides by the typical lawmaking process and works with the state and local governments to ensure that the policy is in the best interest of all involved. I encourage collaborative work with states and local governments to clarify federal jurisdiction under the CWA that is reasonable, to enforce the current scope of the CWA while respecting the authority of state and local governments in ensuring the protection of our water resources. This proposal fails to comply with the traditional regulatory process, therefore I urge you to join me in memorializing the EPA and US Corps of Engineers to withdraw their proposal and allow the current regulations to stand.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Colby
Monroe County Legislator-District 20
To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

RE: Establishing a Dignified Indigent Burial Policy

Honorable Legislators:

Managing a loved one's final expenses and arrangements can be a challenging task for any family. For those who are struggling in our community, these tasks can be both daunting and heartbreaking. The National Funeral Directors Association finds that the average cost of a funeral is $6,560. Of our region's seven counties, Monroe has the highest poverty rate of 14% driven by an increase in the poverty rate in Rochester, which climbed to 30%.

Between 2007 to 2011, Monroe County has assisted in the final resting of an annual average of 717 of our citizens. Since 2006, changes to the County's Indigent Burial Program have caused unnecessary heartache and grief for those already struggling. To cut such a program that realizes less than 1% savings of the total billion-dollar County Budget is not only irresponsible, but immoral.

All residents of our community, regardless of their socioeconomic status, should be granted the decency of a dignified burial in accordance with their faith. This is when it becomes the responsibility of government to support these families at a time of such need.

Therefore, we propose the adoption of a local law to set minimum standards for the County's burial assistance program. It will be the responsibility of this Honorable Body to review this policy on an annual basis for a two-year period. Following this trial period the Legislature will then review, reform and adopt a permanent burial assistance policy.
The specific legislative action required:

1. Schedule and hold a public hearing on the proposed local law.

2. Enact a local law amending the Monroe County Charter, as attached.

This proposal will have no impact on the revenue and/or expenditures of the current Monroe County Budget, as the law will become effective on January 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia W. Kalez
Legislator – District 28

Ted O’Brien
Democratic Minority Leader

Carrie M. Andrews
Assistant Minority Leader

Willie Joe Lightfoot
Assistant Minority Leader

Justin F. Witcox
Legislator – District 14

Stephanie Polowe Aldersley
Legislator – District 16

Glenn J. Gamble
Legislator – District 22

Paul E. Haney
Legislator – District 23

Joshua Bauroth
Legislator – District 24

John Lightfoot
Legislator – District 25

Michael Patterson
Legislator – District 29
By Legislators _______________ and _______________.

Intro. No. _____

LOCAL LAW NO. _____ OF 2012

A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "THE DIGNIFIED BURIAL PROGRAM FOR MONROE COUNTY"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Part IV, General Local Laws of the Administrative Code and Charter of Monroe County is hereby amended to include the following Local Law:

Chapter 174. A DIGNIFIED BURIAL PROGRAM FOR MONROE COUNTY

§174-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known as the “Dignified Burial Program for Monroe County” Act.

§174-2. Legislative Intent.

The Legislature finds that

A. Every family is entitled to provide a loved one with a dignified and respectful final burial and service. During this difficult time, it is the responsibility of Monroe County Government to assist these grieving families, not create additional burdens.

B. While the cost of a loved one's final expenses has increased over the years, this Honorable Body hereby makes a commitment to County Residents to preserve and maintain this program, in order to honor those we have lost.

§174-3. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to:

A. Provide clear protocols for the Monroe County Commissioner of Human Services, or his/her designee, to administrate the Indigent Burial Program.

§ 174-4. A Dignified Burial Program For Monroe County.

The County of Monroe hereby adopts the following minimum standards for the burial assistance program:

A. The Commissioner of Human Services, or his/her designee, shall set standard guidelines outlining the qualifications needed for an individual’s family to be eligible for receiving burial assistance from Monroe County.

B. It shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner of Human Services, or his/her designee, to make
available information about the County's burial assistance to the public. This shall include, but not be limited to, the dissemination of printed materials to:

1) Funeral homes and funeral parlors within Monroe County.
2) Department of Human Services offices and waiting rooms, the County Clerk's Office, and other County offices frequented by the public.
3) Monroe County's website.

C. All decedents who are interred through the County's burial assistance program shall receive a permanent marker, including the individual's name, date of birth (if known) and date of death. Such marker shall be constructed of metal, stone or another material to ensure the individuals name cannot easily fade with time.

D. Families who apply for the County's burial assistance program shall, at the time such application is submitted, be given information regarding the Community Supplemental Burial Fund.

E. Cemeteries that receive any vouchers through the County's burial assistance program must make every effort to maintain their grounds equitably for all plots, including but not limited to proper drainage, lawn care, and marker maintenance and visibility.

F. The Commissioner shall be responsible for recommending changes to this resolution to the Legislature.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect on January 1, 2013, pursuant to Section 27 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law, for a two year period, with an annual review and reauthorization by the Monroe County Legislature for that period. Following the initial two years, the Legislature shall either elect to adopt another two-year review period or adopt its permanent reauthorization. It shall remain the purview of the Monroe County Legislature to further amend this local law in future years.

File No. 12-0_____

ADOPTION: Date: ______________ Vote: ______________

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: ______________ VETOED: ______________

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ______________

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW: ______________

Added Language is underlined
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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with CDM/CHA Joint Venture for Professional Engineering Services for the Monroe County Pure Waters’ Master Plan Update

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with CDM/CHA Joint Venture, in the amount of $166,901, for professional engineering services, for the Monroe County Pure Waters’ Master Plan Update for the Rochester, Irondequoit Bay South Central and Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters Districts and the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District (Districts).

This project involves developing a comprehensive update of Pure Waters’ original Master Plan Report completed in 1969. For over four (4) decades, Pure Waters has operated and maintained regional sewerage infrastructure across the County, which currently includes more than a thousand (1,000) miles of collector sewers, one hundred (100) miles of interceptors, thirty (30) miles of Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Program (CSOAP) tunnels and six (6) major control structures; fifty-two (52) pump stations and two (2) wastewater treatment facilities; the Frank E. VanLare and Northwest Quadrant plants that treat an average of forty-five (45) billion gallons of wastewater annually. Pure Waters centralized management of the four (4) separate Districts provides for efficient and effective operations, maintenance and administration of various levels of infrastructure and services, and their corresponding rate structures. Pure Waters has remained at the forefront of industry standards through progressive maintenance of these assets and a comprehensive capital improvement program that has utilized advancing technology to ensure reliability and continuity of services to District customers.

Pure Waters would benefit from an updated Master Plan focused on future regulatory and water quality compliance, infrastructure renewal and rehabilitation, infrastructure capacity assurance planning, infrastructure expansion needs, operations and maintenance optimization planning as well as administration and financial planning. The Master Plan Update is necessary for the continued long-term stability and sustainability, both operational and financial, of the Pure Waters Districts and to protect and enhance water quality within and around Monroe County.

Several consultants were considered, with CDM/CHA Joint Venture rated the most qualified to provide professional engineering services for the project. CDM/CHA Joint Venture proposes to provide basic design services in the amount of $166,901.
The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract with CDM/CHA Joint Venture, Powers Building, 16 Main Street West, Suite 830, Rochester, NY 14614, in the amount of $166,901, for professional engineering services, for the Pure Waters Master Plan Update, and any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital fund(s) appropriation.

This project involves engineering services and no direct physical activity, and therefore, does not require an environmental review.

Funding for this project is included in the 2012 operating budgets of the Department of Environmental Services, fund 9007, funds center 8575010000, Rochester Pure Waters District Special Expense; fund 9007, funds center 8571010000, Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Special Expense; fund 9007, funds center 8574010000, Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District Special Expense; and fund 9007, funds center 8573010000, Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District Special Expense. No additional net county support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither CDM/CHA Joint Venture, nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firm are:

Michael E. Hollowood, CEO
Rodney A. Bascom, Executive Vice President/COO
Dom M. Bernardo, Executive Vice President/CFO
William Lucarelli, Executive Vice President

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Maggie Brooks
County Executive
To The Administrative Boards of the Gates-Chili Ogden Sewer District, Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District, Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District, Rochester Pure Water District, 407 County Office Building, Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with CDM/CHA Joint Venture for Professional Engineering Services for the Monroe County Pure Waters' Master Plan Update

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I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by the Pure Waters Administrative Boards of the Gates-Chili Ogden Sewer District, Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District, Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District and the Rochester Pure Waters District.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Maggie Brooks
County Executive
To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Approval of the Old Scottsville-Chili Road & Beaver Road Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body approve the Old Scottsville-Chili Road & Beaver Road Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District ("District") Extension.

The District has been requested to include in the District approximately 156 acres located in the Town of Chili along Beaver Road from Scottsville-Chili Road to approximately 3,500 feet to the east. The north boundary of the proposed District extension is adjacent to the original District boundary. The area consists of the eleven (11) neighboring properties listed below.

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237 Beaver Road 146.03-1-21.2 Dario & Rita Marchioni
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The proposed District Extension will not require that any funds be expended by the District; the entire cost of new sewerage installation will be borne by the property owners. The hookup fees per connection are the same hookup fees as charged elsewhere in the District. Future capital, maintenance and operation charges will be assessed against the District Extension using the same formula to assess the rest of the District. A map and description for the proposed extension, prepared on behalf of the Town of Chili, are on file at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Subject to the approval and recommendation of the Administrative Board of the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District, adopt a resolution calling a public hearing for the proposed Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension and requiring publication of the public hearing in the official publication of Monroe County.
2. Following the public hearing, subject to the approval of the Administrative Board of the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District, adopt a resolution finding:
   a. that the proposed sewerage facility is adequate and appropriate;
   b. that all of the property and property owners within the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District and Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension are benefited thereby;
   c. that all of the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the proposed Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District;
   d. that it is in the public interest to establish the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension; and
   e. that the proposed assessment and allocation of costs of the sewerage facility represent as nearly as may be the proportionate amount of benefit which the several lots and parcels of land situated in the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District will derive therefrom.

3. Following the public hearing, adopt a resolution approving the establishment of the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension subject to the approval of the State Comptroller, if necessary, on the petition.

   Environmental assessments were completed for the Old Scottsville-Chili Road & Beaver Road Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension, and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

   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,

   Maggie Brooks
   County Executive
To The Administrative Board of the
Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

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Honorable Legislators:

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The specific Administrative Board actions required are:

1. Adopt a resolution approving the establishment of the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension, subject to the approval of the County Legislature.
2. Following the public hearing, subject to the approval of the County Legislature, adopt a resolution finding:
   a. that the proposed sewerage facility is adequate and appropriate;
   b. that all of the property and property owners within the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District and Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension are benefited thereby;
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   e. that the proposed assessment and allocation of costs of the sewerage facility represent as nearly as may be the proportionate amount of benefit which the several lots and parcels of land situated in the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District will derive therefrom.

3. Request the County Legislature to hold a public hearing and take any necessary actions required for the purpose of the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension.

Environmental assessments were completed for the Old Scottsville-Chili Road & Beaver Road Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District Extension, and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by the Administrative Board of the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Maggie Brooks
County Executive
To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amend the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program, the 2012 Capital Budget, and Bond Resolution 332 of 2011 to Expand the Scope of the Project and to Increase the Project Authorization for the Rehabilitate and Reconstruct Existing Aircraft Aprons at the Greater Rochester International Airport Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program, the 2012 Capital Budget, and Bond Resolution 332 of 2011, to expand the scope of the project and to increase the project authorization for the Rehabilitate and Reconstruct Existing Aircraft Aprons at the Greater Rochester International Airport project.

The original project was to rehabilitate and reconstruct apron pavement areas as recommended in the Airport Pavement Management Study. The pavement as it exists today was designed for general aviation aircraft operations. The current and projected use of this pavement is for general aviation aircraft operations, including corporate jets, as well as use by fuel trucks necessary for aircraft fueling. It is the latter use which places a greater load on the pavement. It has been determined, that to accommodate this use, the program should be expanded and accelerated to improve pavement areas that have already failed, and address the remaining pavement to prevent additional failure. At present, there are areas of pavement that have been barricaded to traffic due to the breakage of pavement with subgrade materials rising to the surface. The new pavement will connect the two (2) existing aircraft ramps, as recommended in the approved Airport Layout Plan, and will provide improved operational flexibility and safety for aircraft movements. It is therefore necessary to expand the scope of the project to also include demolition of existing structures, which consist of a wood frame structure and a multi bay concrete block structure. The total estimated project cost is now $1,200,000.

This project will be funded by a Federal Aviation Administration grant of 90%, a New York State Department of Transportation grant of 5%, and a local share of 5% which is ultimately expected to be paid from Airport generated revenues.

This project is scheduled to be considered by the Monroe County Planning Board on September 27, 2012
The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program to expand the scope of the Rehabilitate and Reconstruct Existing Aircraft Aprons at the Greater Rochester International Airport project to include the demolition of existing structures and provide for a $1,000,000 increase in the cost of the project making the total project cost $1,200,000.

2. Amend the 2012 Capital Budget to expand the scope of the Rehabilitate and Reconstruct Existing Aircraft Aprons at the Greater Rochester International Airport project to include the demolition of existing structures and provide for a $1,000,000 increase in the authorization of the project from $200,000 to $1,200,000, making the total project authorization $1,200,000.

3. Amend Bond Resolution 332 of 2011 to expand the scope of the project to include the demolition of existing structures and increase financing for the Rehabilitate and Reconstruct Existing Aircraft Aprons at the Greater Rochester International Airport project, from $200,000 to $1,200,000 for a total authorization of $1,200,000.

Environmental assessments will be completed for the Rehabilitate and Reconstruct Existing Aircraft Aprons at the Greater Rochester International Airport project, including demolition of existing structures, prior to any action by Your Honorable Body.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be available in capital fund 1623 once the additional financing authorization requested herein is approved and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. 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,

Maggie Brooks
County Executive
September 7, 2012

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

Subject: Authorize Monroe County’s Transition from the Medical Assistance Reimbursement Option and Revenue Intercept for Medicaid Purposes (Medicaid Swap) to a Hard Cap on Local Medicaid Costs as Prescribed in the 2012-2013 New York State Budget

Honorable Legislators:

On September 26, 2007, this Honorable Body authorized Monroe County to opt-in to the Medical Assistance Reimbursement Option and Revenue Intercept for Medicaid Purposes (more commonly known as the Medicaid Swap). This groundbreaking decision saved local taxpayers $30 million to date and its success is indisputable.

As part of the 2012-2013 New York State Budget, Monroe County has the opportunity to transition from the Medicaid Swap to the Hard Cap option. Governor Andrew Cuomo’s initiative provides real mandate relief by placing a hard cap on local Medicaid costs and limiting its growth to 2% in 2013-14, 1% in 2014-15, and zero growth in 2015-16. With the potential that the County’s Medicaid growth could be hard-capped at zero growth in just a few years, transitioning to this hard cap is a wise fiscal decision that best protects the interests of local taxpayers.

Therefore, I recommend that Your Honorable Body repeal the medical assistance reimbursement option and revenue intercept for Medicaid purposes (Medicaid Swap) previously elected by your adoption of Resolution No. 349 of 2007. To maximize current and future budget year savings, I further recommend that Your Honorable Body adopt this resolution as part of the Annual Budget process during your December 2012 meeting.

The specific legislative action required is to adopt the attached resolution that allows Monroe County to transition from the Medicaid Swap to a Hard Cap on Medicaid, as included in the 2012-2013 New York State Budget.
This action will have no 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,

[Signature]
Maggie Brooks
County Executive
By Legislators _______________ and _______________

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2012

Be it enacted by the County of Monroe as follows:

Section one. The County of Monroe hereby repeals its election in 2007 of the medical assistance reimbursement option and revenue intercept for Medicaid purposes described in section 2 of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

File No. 12-0_____

ADOPTION: Date: ___________ Vote: ______________

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: ________________________ DATE: _____________

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