



Monroe County Legislature
Office of the President

WAYNE E. ZYRA
PRESIDENT

August 13, 2008

Honorable Carrie M. Andrews
Monroe County Legislature
408 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Dear Legislator Andrews:

In accordance with Section 545-26(A) of the Monroe County Charter, I am returning your referral entitled "Requesting Quarterly Progress Reports on Project SAVE".

Section 545-26(A) of the Monroe County Charter states that no local law or resolution may be filed which is substantially the same as a local law or resolution then pending before or previously submitted to the Legislature or one of its committees. Legislator E. Daniel Quatro submitted a referral entitled "Requesting an Annual Progress Report on Project SAVE" on July 23, 2008, that is substantially the same as your proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne E. Zyra". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Wayne E. Zyra
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July 29, 2008

To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
39 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Re: Requesting Quarterly Progress Reports on Project SAVE

Honorable Legislators:

In 2007, the County received a \$1.3 million grant from New York State to streamline welfare and foster care caseloads, a program dubbed Project SAVE. Project SAVE provides additional resources to help dramatically change the outcomes for those on the welfare or foster care caseloads. The objective is to assist those in need to attain self-sufficiency in a more effective and efficient manner. The 2008 Monroe County Budget (*pg. 394*) states that as a result of Project SAVE, Family Assistance, Safety Net, Adolescent Care and Child Welfare will all see forecasted caseload reductions. This grant should allow DHS to hire an additional 59 social workers. It has been asserted that if this program is successful in meeting its target goals, the County will realize a savings of \$13.4 million over four years.

In the spirit of open government and in an effort to promote greater accountability, we request for the Administration to provide quarterly reports to the Monroe County Legislature regarding Project SAVE, and the general status of the caseload trend in the department. These reports should include detailed updates that summarize the past progress and current status of the initiative, along with all contractual obligations and appropriations, both spent and accumulated, associated with Project SAVE.

This action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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