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Statement from the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature on UCRRA Appointments

I would like to thank the members of the Energy & Environment Committee for their thoughtful and diligent work in interviewing candidates and providing recommendations for the two open seats on the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) Board. Their efforts were invaluable in helping to identify individuals with the experience and dedication needed to support UCRRA's important work.

After careful consideration, I have decided to appoint James Gordon, the current UCRRA Board Chair, and Mike Baden, a long-serving town supervisor, to fill the two open seats.

James Gordon's continued leadership will provide stability and continuity for the board, which is especially important as UCRRA navigates critical issues such as a possible landfill siting and long-term waste management planning. Mike Baden's extensive experience as a town supervisor will bring a valuable municipal perspective to the board — one that reflects the on-the-ground challenges and opportunities our communities face in managing solid waste.

I believe this combination of continuity and practical experience will best serve the agency as it continues to improve its operations, build public trust, and advance sustainable waste management solutions in Ulster County.

Once again, I extend my sincere thanks to the Energy & Environment Committee for their work throughout this process, and I look forward to seeing the positive contributions that James Gordon and Mike Baden will make to UCRRA in the months ahead.

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