

Calling On The New York State Comptroller's Office To Audit The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA)

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee) and Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Berardi, Bischoff, Busick, Cahill, Cummings, Dart, Donaldson, Every, Felicello, Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Kraft, Liepmann, Lomita, Loughran, Noonan, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Roberti, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) is a public benefit corporation that was formed for the purpose of developing, financing, and implementing a comprehensive Countywide solid waste management program, and

WHEREAS, the UCRRA has had significant financial difficulties in the past few years, including the accumulation of an estimated \$40 million dollars in debt, and

WHEREAS, the UCRRA has only recently begun a process to reform its financial operations and still has significant problems inherited from previous administrations, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is committed to accountability in all aspects of government and taxpayer obligation, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is obligated to pay the debt of the UCRRA, regardless of whether it is operational or not, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller's Office is a resource to help understand financial matters, review performance of governing entities and public benefit corporations, and uncover financial mismanagement, and

WHEREAS, the UCRRA is considered a class C public authority within the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller's Office has not yet had the opportunity to ever audit the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature calls upon the New York State Comptroller's Office to audit the financial condition of the UCRRA and present its findings to the legislature; and

Resolution No. 185 May 10, 2006

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Daniel Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0
(Legislator Stoeckeler left at 10:05 PM)
(Absent: Legislator Every)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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