

Supporting HR326 Medicaid County Protection Act Of 2007

The Human Development Committee (Chairman Kraft and Legislators Distel, Liepmann, Loughran, R.A. Parete, Provenzano, Busick, Harris and Noonan) and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Bischoff, Cahill, Dart, Donaldson, Gregorius, Lomita, R.S. Parete, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, New York State has the most expensive Medicaid program in the nation, and

WHEREAS, its spending, per recipient, is the highest in the country, with costs that nearly exceed those of California and Texas combined, and

WHEREAS, Congressman G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina has introduced legislation at the federal level that would expressly prohibit states from passing along the costs of Medicaid to county government, which is a huge burden to property taxpayers.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby supports the passage of “Medicaid County Protection Act of 2007 – HR 326” by the United States Congress as introduced by Congressman G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby requests its federal representatives Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Hillary Clinton, and Congressman Maurice Hinchey to become co-sponsors of this important legislation, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, United States Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, and the National Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Every, Fabiano,
Felicello, Roberti and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE
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