

Inter-County Association of Western New York

Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20-IC

SUPPORTING H.R. 2600 TO ENSURE EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS CONTRIBUTING TO STATE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM PROVIDED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE

Sponsored By: Schuyler County

Moved By: James Howell (Schuyler)

Seconded By: Mark Rondinaro (Schuyler)

Pursuant to Section 153 of the County Law.

WHEREAS, Congressman Langworthy introduced the Protect Local Taxpayer's Act (H.R. 2600) to block Governor Hochul from raiding \$625 million in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) funds designated to local governments, and

WHEREAS, the State is proposing to permanently intercept all of these federal savings and use them to cover overspending in the Medicaid program, and

WHEREAS, the county share of Medicaid is currently \$7.6 billion per year, and if Hochul's plan passes, Inter-Counties will face a budget shortfall in the tens of millions, and

WHEREAS, counties are already struggling under out-of-control state mandates and Governor Hochul's plan to raid Medicaid funds will leave counties with a choice of cutting safety net services or significantly increasing property taxes, and

WHEREAS, according to the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), the Governor's plan may result in a property tax increase estimated at 5% to 10% at a time when inflation and gasoline prices are already crippling middle-class families, and

WHEREAS, it is hypocritical of the State to impose a property tax cap and then push massive New York State mandated costs onto the counties, and

WHEREAS, the Protect Local Taxpayer's Act will prevent the state from further shifting Medicaid expenses onto local county governments, and

WHEREAS, counties have used these federal funds over the past 20 years to pay for local services and reduce property tax burdens in our communities, as intended by Congress, and

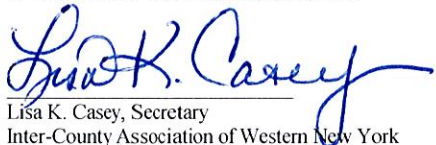
WHEREAS, while the Governor purports to help low income counties, the elimination of FMAP funds will have a devastating effect on all Western New York Counties and its residents, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Inter-County Association of Western New York strongly supports Congressman Langworthy's Protect Local Taxpayers Act introduced as H.R. 2600, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Inter-County Association of Western New York hereby urges the State Legislature to reject the Governor's proposed administrative action and ensure that these federal funds continue to be shared with counties as is Congress' intent and has been the State's precedent and interpretation of the federal statute for over 20 years, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of Inter-County Association of Western New York is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Congressman Langworthy, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Governor Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Senator Borrello, Assemblyman Giglio, New York State Association of Counties, Inter-County Association of Western New York, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

This is to Certify that I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Association at a session held on the 16th day of June 2023 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Inter-County Association of Western New York dated June 23, 2023.


Lisa K. Casey, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York



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