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RESOLUTION NO. 008-24

OPPOSING SENATE BILL S4545 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A3069 THAT ATTEMPTS TO CONSOLIDATE THE 109 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES INTO 10 REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, Senator Skoufis sponsored Senate Bill S4545, and Assemblywoman Wallace sponsored Assembly Bill A3069 as Acts to amend General Municipal Law in relation to establishing industrial development agencies; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, said Acts would force individual Industrial Development agencies throughout the State to consolidate into one of ten regional Industrial Development Agencies; and

WHEREAS, said Acts' sponsoring memo provide very limited justification for this legislation by mentioning only concerns regarding Industrial Development Agency applicants "shopping around" amongst Industrial Development Agencies with overlapping jurisdictions to attempt to obtain the "best deal"; and

WHEREAS, local Industrial Development Agency members have vested interests in the communities in which they live and are far more knowledgeable of the local economic development priorities as compared to a 15-member regional agency spanning numerous counties; and

WHEREAS, many of these appointed 15 members of the regional agencies could not be expected to be familiar with each individual county and the communities served by the existing Industrial Development Agencies; and

WHEREAS, accountability for actions taken by industrial development agencies should be vested in individuals who live, and work, in affected communities and understand the local economic development landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-County Association of Western New York agrees with individual Industrial Development Agencies that keeping local decision-making on important economic development priorities is imperative and a pillar of local government control accountable to its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, hereby opposes Senate Bill S4545 and Assembly Bill 3069 that attempts to consolidate all 109 local Industrial Development Agencies into 10 Regional Industrial Development Agencies; and be it further

RESOLVED, copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the New York State Senate; all members of the New York State Assembly and the New York State Association of Counties.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Genesee County on the 10th day of May, 2024.

Dated: May 28, 2024
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York