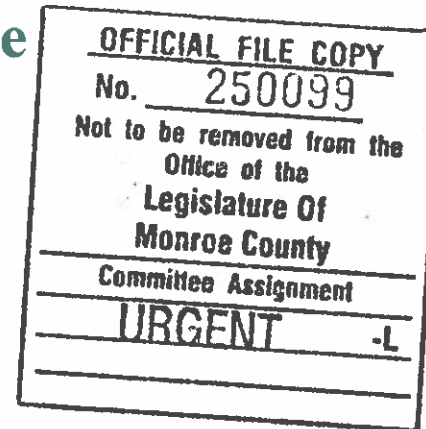




Office of the County Executive Monroe County Legislature

April 4, 2025

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614



Subject: Home Rule Message Assembly Bill No. A.6274 Entitled "AN ACT to authorize the county of Monroe to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to Gregory M. Prokop, a deputy sheriff employed by such county"

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Sheriff Todd K. Baxter.

We recommend that Your Honorable Body adopt a Home Rule Message in regard to the above bill that will authorize Monroe County to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to Deputy Gregory M. Prokop of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol.

Deputy Prokop was hired to work in Monroe County as a part-time road patrol deputy on October 7, 1991. In April 1996, Monroe County adopted the 20-year retirement plan provided in §§552 and 553 of Article 14-B of the Retirement and Social Security Law for Road Patrol division of the Sheriff's Office. In February 2000, Deputy Prokop became a fulltime deputy. The New York State Retirement System informed him he had one year from the adoption of the retirement plan in 1996 to become a member of the 20-year plan. He was not aware nor does he recall of being informed of this requirement. He was also told that becoming a member of the 20-year plan now would require state legislative authorization. Assembly Bill A.6274 would permit this Honorable Body to approve such a transfer.

The specific legislative action required is to adopt a Home Rule Message for Assembly Bill No. A.6274 Entitled "AN ACT to authorize the county of Monroe to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to Gregory M. Prokop, a deputy sheriff employed by such county"

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5 (c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Adoption of this Home Rule Message will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget, however, if this bill becomes law, Your Honorable Body will have the option of offering this pension benefit to Deputy Prokop, which according to the fiscal note prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller would increase the County's annual contribution to the pension system by approximately \$13,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. In future years, this cost will vary as the billing rates and salary of Deputy Prokop change. In addition to the annual contributions discussed above, there would be an immediate past service cost of approximately \$141,000, which will be borne by the

County as a one-time payment on or before February 1, 2026 or at the County's election, it may amortize this cost over a five-year period, the cost or each year including interest would be \$31,600.

We recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Monroe County Executive



Dave Long
Monroe County Legislature
Public Safety, Chairman



Paul Dondorfer
Monroe County Legislature
Public Safety, Ranking Member