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Livingston County Calls on Federal Government to Protect Local Services

Geneseo, NY, April 9, 2020 — Livingston County has joined other counties from across the state via the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) to urge the United States Congress to pass a fourth stimulus package that would provide additional funding to New York State and its counties.

NYSAC President John F. Marren said in a statement, “Whether it’s the heroic doctors, nurses and staff of our local health departments, our first responders or the social service providers who are helping families as they cope with the economic devastation of COVID-19, counties are on the front lines of this crisis.” He continued, “While counties are grateful for the support we’ve received from the New York Delegation, the depth and length of this crisis is placing incredible strain on our local governments and we need swift, additional assistance from the federal government to continue providing the services our residents depend on.”

New York State counties align with Governor Cuomo’s request for an increase in federal Medicaid assistance and unrestricted federal funding to address lost revenue from the economic slowdown and the increased need for social services – such as TANF, HEAP, child support, child welfare services, and adult protective services – related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Livingston County Administrator Ian M. Coyle stated, “Counties in New York State are in a unique position as compared to others nationwide. Our local governments play a vital role in funding and administering a multitude of social services programs. Livingston County stands shoulder to shoulder with its peers from across the state in our request for increased federal assistance. The need is for flexible and direct allocations to counties irrespective of population, and these federal dollars are critical to the continued existence of these important programs through the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.”

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