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### **Livingston County Releases State Legislative Agenda *10-Point Plan Pushes for Broadband Expansion, Mandate Relief***

**Geneseo, NY, February 10, 2021** — At the February 10, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Livingston County adopted its 2021 New York State Legislative Agenda. The plan, drawn from resident, Department Head, Board and Administrator input, is the County's single, comprehensive advocacy statement to the Governor and State Legislature on matters of importance to Livingston County.

The County's ten-point plan includes: Light Up Livingston, the County's rural broadband initiative; property tax relief via mandate reform; amendments to criminal justice reform; financial support for the County's critical infrastructure as well as its economic and community development endeavors; comments on marijuana legalization and gaming; fair online sales tax collection practices; preservation of supplemental payments to public nursing homes; and the easing of restrictions on local home rule revenue measures.

Board of Supervisors Chairman, David LeFeber, commented, "As the legislative session gets more involved, and the powers that be in Albany debate legislation and budgetary matters, it is critically important to let our Governor and representatives know that the voice of the people matters. The mission of this agenda is simple – Livingston County's voice and our Board's positions on matters will be heard and this agenda and accompanying resolution makes that so."

"So much of our County's budget and our county operations are intertwined with State government. This legislative agenda details what we want from our Governor and Legislature, and in some cases what we do not want. State actions impact local residents greatly. Just

within the last year, the State swept over \$800,000 in sales tax dollars rightfully due Livingston County, to pay for State obligations. We need to fight for good government in Albany and push for sound fiscal management and this plan advocates for our agenda items in a concise, succinct and professional manner,” said Ian M. Coyle, County Administrator.

The State Legislature is in session through June 10, 2021. The State Budget is due to be adopted by March 31, 2021. A copy of the County's Legislative Agenda is available [here](#).

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