



**Memorializing petition by
Oneida County
Board of Legislators**

F.N. 2023- XXX

**A MEMORIALIZING PETITION OPPOSING GOV. HOCHUL'S PLAN TO SHIFT
MILLIONS OF NEW MEDICAID COSTS TO COUNTIES.**

Sponsors: Messrs. Buck, Flisnik, Waterman, Koenig, Davis and Schiebel, and Mmes. Pratt and Rogers-Witt

WHEREAS, the state budget should be crafted with careful intent and the interests of every single New York taxpayer in mind, and

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul's proposed state budget would end the Affordable Care Act enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) federal pass-through to counties and New York City, and.

WHEREAS, the Governor's plan is an unprecedented shift of as much as \$2.9 billion over four years that will saddle local taxpayers with new Medicaid costs by taking eFMAP funds that were intended to go directly to local governments to help hold costs down, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul wants to siphon away more than \$7.6 million from Oneida County that directly assists safety net programs and instead divert it into state coffers, and

WHEREAS, New York state already shifts more of its Medicaid costs to local government than any other state, and

WHEREAS, in New York, it is our county governments that administer services our most vulnerable residents rely on, and

WHEREAS, local governments are ill-equipped to take on such a considerable expense with almost no warning, and counties unable to shoulder this burden — as undoubtedly many will not

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be able to do so — will be forced to pass along that burden in the form of higher property taxes or cut valuable programs and services, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida County Board of Legislators calls on the State Legislature to reject the proposal in the Governor's budget that ends the longstanding practice of sharing federal Medicaid funds, with counties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Oneida County Board of Legislators shall forward copies of this resolution to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senators Joseph A. Griffo and Rachel May, State Assembly members Marianne Buttenschon, Brian D. Miller, Kenneth Blankenbush and Robert Smullen, the New York State Association of Counties, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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