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STATEMENT BY CARL BELFIGLIO,

Chairman, Ulster County Legislature Environment, Energy and Technology Committee

"The RRA issue has been standing before the Legislature since 1994 and we have not acted. We are starting the process of acting. I am saddened that one of my colleagues, particularly a former Chairman of the Legislature would attack without knowledge rather than be part of the solution."

"We need to move to examine three paths:

- Flow control as proposed by Legislators Wishnick and myself;
- Selling the assets of the RRA as several Legislators have voiced support for, including at meetings where Legislator Donaldson has been present; and
- Considering a countywide fee system as requested by Legislator John Parete."

"Embracing doing nothing, or just seeking more delay is not proactive and does not serve the taxpayers. Legislator Donaldson has been a legislator for many years and during that time the problem of the RRA has grown worse and worse. I am someone who embraces flow control. However, legislating is about counting to 12 – we need to pass a plan, not just complain (there are 23 members of the County Legislature). I am hopeful that by moving down the path of examining all three objectives, we can identify what works."

"I have also asked the Ways and Means Committee to remove the \$10,000 cost of a consultant. While by no means had we promised to hire a consultant, we do need all options since all our predecessor legislators have failed to address the RRA issue. I am, however, confident that Legislators and staff can work together with the County Executive's staff, to move this issue toward resolution."

"In conclusion, doing nothing is no longer an option and not one I will support while I lead this Committee."

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