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Democratic Minority Leader O'Brien Responds to Troy Deputy Mayor

Troy— Deputy Mayor Daniel Crawley has sent a letter in support of the Democratic Minority's call for "due diligence" by the County in the matter of the Raddock Building lease renewal. Minority Leader Ginny O'Brien welcomed his endorsement of the Democrats' efforts to curb costs, a central purpose in the exercise of their responsibility as County Legislators—that of oversight.

However, in response to Crawley's letter O'Brien has clarified the Democratic Minority's position, which was obscured by some of the other issues raised in Mr. Crawley's letter. Said O'Brien, "Our caucus's sole purpose in doing further research on the utilization of the Raddock Building for DSS operations is to make absolutely sure we are being fiscally responsible. Upon a preliminary look at other possible alternatives, we're not sure if the Raddock Building is the best deal."

The Democrats provided the Republican Majority with a list of 10 commercial properties gleaned from MLS listings for the area. The primary search was for properties in the City of Troy—in fact there was only one property that came up within the guidelines of the search that was outside of city limits. Their visit to the Raddock Building and discussions with officials strongly suggest that Troy provides the most convenient location for both employees and clients. Consequently, the Democrats have not and are not suggesting that DSS relocate from the City of Troy. On that point, they disagree with the Deputy Mayor.

"I reiterate that the purpose of our actions is to see that lease renewal options are fully explored. It behooves us as elected officials to sharpen our pencils and make sure we are acting in the best interests of our mutual constituents before the next 5 year lease is signed," O'Brien concluded.