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GOP Ignores “Deplorable” Conditions at the Raddock Building

Troy—Kevin Boyle, the president of the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU), which represents over 17,000 public employees, sent a letter to County Executive Kathleen Jimino asking her to reconsider the county’s decision to renew the lease at the Raddock Building. In the letter, he cites the “...filth and overall deplorable working conditions” as ongoing issues for the 100+ county employees who work at the facility. UPSEU references problems over a period of years and, although the union has been assured that improvements will be implemented, “...substandard and oftentimes deplorable conditions” persist.

The Democratic legislators corroborated these conditions during their tour of the Raddock Building prior to the July 8 legislative meeting. At that meeting, Minority legislators raised questions about the high cost of the proposed lease renewal, both on the basis of the building’s condition and in comparison to other commercial properties in Troy. The GOP legislators were forced to table the resolution.

The GOP Majority is sponsoring the same resolution this month, with no modifications. Given the union’s express concern for county workers at the facility, the Democratic legislators have continued to press for effective negotiations with the landlord prior to renewal of the lease.

“We have an opportunity to negotiate improvements for county employees as well as the elderly and people in need who are clients at the Raddock Building. The Majority is trying to rubber stamp this contract at county taxpayers’ expense. Once again the GOP chooses spurious attacks over effective action,” commented Legislator Flora Fasoldt.