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Grimm Sets the Record Straight

Troy—Legislator Peter Grimm, a member of the Rensselaer County Legislature’s Education Committee and Hudson Valley Community College alumnus, reaffirms his support for HVCC and educational programs throughout the county. Statements made by members of the Republican majority regarding a contract that came before the legislature in July for the approval of a Construction Manager (not a “lease” as the Republicans stated) are misleading and unfounded.

“My role as county legislator is to exercise oversight, to review contracts and expenditures, and to try to ensure that taxpayers’ dollars are spent wisely. In the case of the HVCC contract, my research showed that, while information was received from two firms for this \$1 million contract, there was no competitive pricing for the job included in the responses. The responses gave qualifications, not price quotes,” said Grimm.

Grimm further noted that he has a record of championing HVCC’s achievements. At the May legislative session he presented a resolution to President Matonak commending the expansion of the nursing program at the college. In addition, Grimm is actively engaged with community organizations and Troy area schools and has worked to obtain grant funding for educational programs promoting the arts and local history.

“We are facing the mandate to do more with less. It’s imperative that we exercise every option to keep costs down and requiring our government agencies and educational institutions to utilize a competitive bidding process is just common sense,” concluded Grimm.