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Legislator Fasoldt Introduces Resolution to Support Funding for Ambulance Service

Troy—Legislator Flora Fasoldt (D-Sand Lake, Schodack, Nassau) will file a resolution for consideration at the June 9 meeting of the Rensselaer County Legislature supporting a bill introduced by Senator Schumer to increase funding for ambulance service.

“I’m sponsoring this resolution because I know firsthand the ambulance service providers in my district are struggling. With an aging population, it’s essential that we invest in top-notch emergency care. That means reimbursement levels must be raised to realistic levels to support the purchase of equipment and provide training,” said Fasoldt.

Robbie MacCue, an EMT-Paramedic and President of the Sand Lake Ambulance concurred. “Continuing this federal funding is critical for ambulance services to continue to operate within already stretched budgets. We provide the best possible Advanced Life Support care to the residents of our town in a prompt manner. Without this funding Sand Lake and other ambulance providers will be forced to do more with less and I don’t know if that’s possible.”

Senator Schumer’s bill will increase funding for counties in the Capital Region by 6% over 2007 levels through 2019, a total increase of \$10.3 million. The increased funding will enable Capital Region ambulance providers to supply their vehicles with cutting edge medical equipment and to train emergency personnel and medics in the most up-to-date pre-hospital care procedures.

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