



October 1st, 2019

Cheryl Dinolfo
Monroe County Executive
110 County Office Building
39 W. Main St
Rochester, NY 14604

Dear County Executive Dinolfo,

For many years Monroe County and the City of Rochester worked cooperatively on pest control, with the County Health Department taking lead on issues involving rats within the City limits. While rodent issues have always existed, the County's baiting of rats kept them at a manageable level. Recently the County stopped its effective baiting program. Since then neighbors and merchants across the City have dealt with an increase in rat population and the negative effects they bring, including damage to properties and public health issues.

The community associations of Rochester urge the County Health Department to reimplement the baiting portion of the rodent control program for their residents in the City of Rochester. Furthermore, we ask the County to investigate holistic control methods that help keep rat populations at bay, reducing the need for targeted baiting.

We believe it is the County's responsibility to serve all of its residents and communities to keep our County and City a safe and desirable space for all.

Sincerely

Rochester's Community Leaders

Jesse Knoth, SEAC Executive Director; Sue Roethel, Vice President of Charlotte Community Association, Inc; Jonathan Hardin, Chair of Many Neighbors Building Neighborhoods, Inc.; Chris Stevens, Upper Monroe Neighborhood Association President; Marilyn Schutte, Co-chair of North Winton Village Association; Zola Brown, 19th Ward Community Association President; Moria Lemperle, President of Monroe Avenue Merchants Assn & Pearl-Meigs-Monroe Neighborhood Assn; Park Avenue Neighborhood Association, Bruce Trombley President; Park Avenue Merchants Association, Craig Schneider President; Barrington Street Neighborhood Association, Roy Tompkins and Suzanne Chapman co-Chairs; Bryce Miller, President of North of East Main Neighbors United (NEMNU); Albert Algarin, North Clinton Business Association; John Lightfoot, Changing of the Scenes; Terry Sinopoli, President of Portland Avenue Business Association, Inc.; Luis Aponte, Chair of Charles House Neighbors in Action-JOSANA; Tom Pastecki, President of ABC Streets Neighborhood Association; Monica McCullough, Azalea Neighborhood Association; Sami Sheehan, Pocket Neighborhood; Market



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CC: Monroe County Legislative Members, County Clerk Adam Bello, Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren, Rochester City Council, Commissioner of Public Health Dr. Michael Medoza, Democrat & Chronicle, and City Newspaper