

Legislation Text

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Narrative of Resolution:

Urge Governor to restore CHIPS Funding

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$0

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RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO URGE GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR LOCAL HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) is implementing its third year of a five year \$32.8 Billion Dollar investment plan for local highway systems; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul’s proposed 2024-2025 Executive Budget recommends cutting funding for the NYSDOT investment plan in the amount of \$60 Million Dollars in CHIPS aid and \$40 Million Dollars in State Touring Route aid; and

WHEREAS, due to record high inflation rates on highway construction costs local governments’ efforts to properly maintain their highway systems have been substantially damaged; and

WHEREAS, local governments dearly need an increase in funding for their local highway systems and they are not in a fiscal position to absorb cuts to expected funding from NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS, in the event the \$100 Million Dollars in aid is not restored Sullivan County’s ability to adequately maintain its highway system will be significantly impaired.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature, joins with the NYSCHSA and NYSAOTSOH and numerous other Counties and Towns in New York State and strongly urges Governor Hochul to restore to the 2024-2025 Budget, the \$100 Million Dollars of proposed cuts in CHIPS and State Touring Route aid, in order to allow Sullivan County to properly maintain its local highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Peter Oberacker, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and all others deemed necessary and proper.