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DEMOCRATS REACT TO JIMINO'S 2008 SPENDING PLAN

Rensselaer County Legislature Minority Leader Ginny O'Brien said today, "The Democratic Minority is indeed concerned about the 5% tax increase proposed by County Executive Kathy Jimino. Every October, it's another tax increase proposed by those in power in Rensselaer County."

According to O'Brien, "One party rule at the county level has brought a succession of tax increases and new fees that burden taxpayers. People are at the saturation point and ready for change."

District 4 Legislator Flora Fasoldt said, "The County Executive's budget message lacked specifics and will require further study. We will be examining her budget carefully and look forward to input from the public." There will be public hearings on November 8th and November 26th.

According to Fasoldt, "Many of her 'new' ideas are actually initiatives that Minority Democrats have been proposing for several years. She mentioned our ideas of shared services, consolidation, multi-year budgeting, and tourism --all ideas we have had difficulty getting passed by the Legislature's veto-proof majority."