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Statement from Monroe County Executive Adam Bello regarding tonight's veto override by the Monroe County Legislature

"Tonight, our community spoke, loud and clear. During a hastily called, special meeting of the Monroe County Legislature, we heard 258 individuals voice their objection to the addition of six new positions to the Monroe County Board of Elections. Over the course of nearly 2 ½ hours, not a single citizen spoke in favor of this measure, which I vetoed on Wednesday.

The majority of the members of the Monroe County Legislature, however, ignored this overwhelming opposition. The Legislature overrode my veto by a vote of 20-9.

This demonstrates a blatant disregard for the people we serve, and places a \$500,000 burden on taxpayers during one of the most difficult and uncertain times in our history.

I am very disappointed. However, I remain committed to being a responsible steward of our county tax dollars and I will continue to place people over politics."