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CSEA urges Ulster County Legislature to shelve MUNIS resolution

KINGSTON – CSEA, the largest union representing Ulster County employees, today announced opposition to Ulster County Resolution 238, which allows the Ulster County Legislature to access the county’s Municipal Uniform Information System (MUNIS). MUNIS contains sensitive information about Ulster County employees, including Social Security numbers, phone numbers, home addresses, bank account information, and even wage garnishments.

“The County Legislature has not coherently explained why they want access to this trove of information about county employees,” said CSEA Southern Region President Anthony Adamo. “This certainly raises many unanswered questions.”

“This system is accessible by a select few in county government, including the Comptroller, the Commissioner of Finance, and the Personnel Department. Notably absent from this list is the Office of the County Executive,” said CSEA Ulster County Local President Todd Schmidt. “With the sheer amount of sensitive information on this platform, access to MUNIS should be limited to those who need the information for personnel and payroll functions.”

“Without a compelling reason to grant the County Legislature access to MUNIS, we cannot in good conscience support this,” said CSEA Ulster County Unit President Janet Knott. “Over a decade ago, Ulster County voted to institute a county executive system of government, which eliminated the direct employee oversight functions of the County Legislature. The County Executive does not even have access to MUNIS. This resolution is unnecessary and should be rejected.”

CSEA, the Civil Service Employees Association, represents nearly 300,000 active and retired union members across New York State. CSEA is Local 1000 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which in turn is one of the largest affiliates of the AFL-CIO.

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