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Nassau County Retirees Legal Fund Applauds Ryan Johnson's Commitment to Protecting Retiree Benefits

Nassau County, NY – The Nassau County Retirees Legal Fund proudly endorses Ryan J. Johnson, candidate for Nassau County Legislator in the 17th District, for his strong and unwavering support of retirees and their families.

In a letter dated August 27, 2025, Johnson made clear his commitment to holding the County accountable for honoring its contractual obligations to retired employees. He denounced efforts by the current administration to reduce health coverage and increase out-of-pocket costs, calling such actions “deeply troubling” and unfair to retirees who live on fixed incomes.

“Ryan Johnson has shown us that he understands our fight,. “He recognizes that retirees earned their benefits through decades of service, and he has pledged to stand with us to ensure those promises are protected.”

Johnson's letter affirmed:

- Retirees' rights are governed by the collective bargaining agreement in effect at the time of retirement, which guarantees County-paid health insurance that cannot be diminished.
- Retirees are entitled to fully paid health insurance for life, with benefits at least as comprehensive as those offered by the NYSHIP Empire Plan.
- Because of legal limitations, retirees could not have been included in the 2023 Memorandum of Understanding between the County and active employees' union.

Johnson stated: *“It should not take a group of dedicated retirees on a fixed income to have to pay money out of their pockets to fight a legal battle in court simply to preserve the benefits they were promised. We need leadership in the Legislature that will always defend the rights of Nassau County retirees.”*

The Nassau County Retirees Legal Fund believes Ryan Johnson will be that leader. His pledge to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with retirees is why we proudly give him our full endorsement.

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The NRLF urges voters in Legislative District 17 to support **Ryan Johnson** in the upcoming election. His unwavering support of retirees and his commitment to protecting healthcare benefits make him the clear choice for the future of Nassau County.

In solidarity,

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