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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **County Comptroller Robert E. Antonacci Announces Clean Bill of Health on Payroll Audit**

Syracuse, NY – Onondaga County Comptroller Robert E. Antonacci announced today his office received a clean bill of health from the accounting firm of Dannible & McKee, LLP, relative to the illegal pay raises lawsuit won by his office in October 2016.

In December of 2015, the Onondaga County Legislature passed salary increase for eighteen elected officials, after the budget and after Election Day despite County Executive Mahoney's prior determination this was inappropriate. Subsequently seventeen of the raises were declared illegal.

After issuing an audit report blasting the process of the pay raises, Mr. Antonacci informed Legislative leadership he would withhold certification on the first payroll of 2016 as part of his duties as County Comptroller. Mr. Antonacci in fact adjusted payroll to reflect his certification changing the payroll for all 17 Legislators and County Executive Mahoney.

"Not only did we win the lawsuit but we have been vindicated by the CPA firm because they have agreed the certification powers and final certification of the Comptroller should not be changed. The report clearly states it was Information Technology who overstepped their bounds by changing payroll after the Comptroller's certification," stated Mr. Antonacci.

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