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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Phony Controversy Involving CAFR: Did the County Executive Lie About Her Travel Dates?**

Syracuse, NY – As the community is well aware, Onondaga County Executive Joanne Mahoney created a phony controversy involving an alleged meeting with the bond rating agencies in New York City. As previously stated, the Office of County Comptroller was not advised in advance of these intended meetings and the County Executive has created this issue.

On a more serious note, the Onondaga County Travel Policy requires all out-of-county travel authorizations be submitted to the Office of the County Comptroller three weeks in advance of intended travel. A diligent search of County Comptroller records shows no travel authorization for any member of the Administration traveling to New York City to meet with bond rating agencies.

The County Executive should worry more about doing her job than criticizing others that are doing the best they can after politically motivated budget cuts to the Office of Comptroller, a reality she continues to ignore.

As stated previously, the Office of County Comptroller meets every federal, state and local financial deadline required.

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