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**WASHINGTON, DC** - Following a response from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) and NYS Assemblywoman Roann Destito (AD-116) announced today that they will host a town hall meeting this month to address any additional issues and concerns regarding the radio tower in Floyd, NY.

"I am pleased that the FCC finally responded to the concerns of our neighbors in Floyd," **Arcuri said**

"However, some residents still have questions and concerns that need to be addressed. Assemblywoman Destito and I will be hosting a town hall meeting in Floyd to make sure that any additional issues that residents have are addressed by the proper government agency or organization."

"Whatever the FCC's test results may show, residents living near this tower still are experiencing significant interference from it over their televisions and other electronic equipment, even in some cases when these devices are turned off," **Destito said**. "They have suffered significant health problems and feel uncomfortable living in their own homes, and this meeting will hopefully result in some acceptable solutions for these residents, whose lives have been significantly disrupted since this tower began transmitting. We are holding this meeting to demand acceptable solutions be provided by the tower owners, and the government agencies that regulate it. These families have the right to live in their homes without the fear and disruption to their lives that this tower has caused."

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, Arcuri received a letter from the FCC that detailed the agency's findings regarding the radio tower in Floyd, which some local residents were concerned was causing a risk to their health and safety. The FCC had stated that their readings showed that the radiation levels emitted by the tower were not above the acceptable standard. The letter also said that any signal interference that local residents may be experiencing should be addressed with the radio station that uses the tower.

Arcuri and Destito will host a town hall meeting with the residents of Floyd on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 12:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Town of Floyd Town Hall at 8299 Old Floyd Road, Rome NY 13440. Any constituent inquiries or information regarding the town hall

meeting can be addressed to Arcuri's Utica Office at 315-793-8146.

Residents that are still experiencing interference should contact the Educational Media Foundation (EMF) at (916) 251-1600. If the station does not correct the interference, a complaint can be lodged with the FCC Enforcement Bureau online at: <http://esupport.fcc.gov/complaints.htm>