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EXHIBIT VIII.B.5 REGIONAL
ECONOMIC PLAN MOHEGAN SUN
AT THE CONCORD

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**RE: Mohegan Sun Casino Development Project at the former Concord Resort Property
and Gaming Support in Sullivan County**

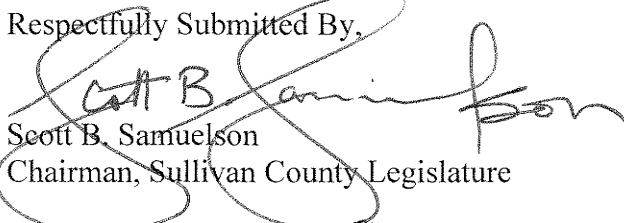
This letter is to address casino gaming as an economic development engine in Sullivan County. Over the last 50 years or so, Sullivan County has been on a quest to bring Class III Gaming to the county and the Catskill Region. As the premiere resort destination area in New York State, it was always believed that gaming was the next generation of resmi destination. Unfortunately it has been illegal in New York State. Over the course of time Sullivan was a primary driver for any Class III Gaming legalization effort that was attempted.

In addition, it was determined back in the early 1990's that there was a possibility of Indian Gaming off reservation that was suppmed and spearheaded by the county government, multiple developers and New York Native American Tribes. It entailed a very complicated series of governmental approvals that never ended up materializing though it came very close on a couple of occasions.

Throughout the course of this varied history, one thing remained constant and that was and is the overwhelming community support for gaming in Sullivan County. It is not that there has not been anti gaming proponents, but the majority has always been in support, as was proven once again in the referendum vote this past November when the residents of Sullivan County voted in favor of the referendum by a 78% majority.

Gaming has always been in the back ground of all Sullivan County Economic Development Plans but without the legislation to legalize or the multitude of governmental approvals for Indian Gaming, it has never been spelled out officially.

Respectfully Submitted By,


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