



Protecting the future of the Catskills

June 20, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission Contracts
Office One Broadway Center
Schenectady, NY 12301-7500
Gail P. Thorpe, Supervisor of Contract Administration

To Whom It May Concern:

Catskill Mountainkeeper is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and protecting the greater Catskill region of New York State. We have long been a leading voice in opposing multiple casinos in the Catskills and believe that more than one casino in Sullivan County is too much for our rural area to absorb from both an environmental and socio-economic perspective.

Catskill Mountainkeeper has been straightforward about our position on casinos, and has invited dialogue with public officials, developers, and others to discuss our concerns. Charles Degliomini of Empire Resorts reached out to Mountainkeeper early on in their development plans at the Concord Hotel sites to discuss the environmental impacts of their proposal and has continued a very open and transparent dialogue regarding their evolving plans. We have met with the architects and have been given access to plans and documents regarding environmental issues, including water usage and traffic mitigation.

In short, we appreciate the openness and cooperation we have thus far enjoyed with Empire Resorts and look forward to maintaining a productive relationship as the Catskill and statewide selection process advances.

Sincerely,
Ramsay Adams
Executive Director

SULLIVAN COUNTY
CHILD CARE
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YOUR LINK TO
QUALITY CHILD CARE

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Ms. Gail P. Thorpe
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Re: Empire Resorts

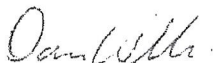
Dear Ms. Thorpe,

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) organization and has been working with our child care providers, parents and employers for thirty years to continually improve our child care system. We provide professional development, technical assistance and business support to our child care work force; parents with the resources they need to find quality child care and employers with the data needed to make informed business decisions regarding their employees child care needs as well as educate the community on the impact on our future businesses when children receive a higher quality early education, beginning at birth.

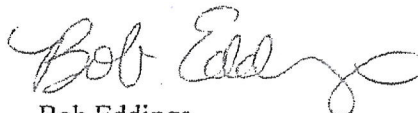
We recognize casino resorts in Sullivan County as a necessary piece to the economic engine needed to improve our economy that has been depressed for so long. The many new jobs that will be created will allow people to work and support their families independent of government support. In addition to a proposed on- site child care center, a casino resort will provide entrepreneurial opportunities for many of our residents. Currently the majority of our children are cared for in family and group family child care settings. These providers are small business owners, able to work from their homes, provide a necessary service and still be home for their own families and children.

Please accept this as our letter of support for Empire Resorts to be chosen as one of the "winners" to build a casino resort in Sullivan County, New York. We recognize casino resorts as an integral part of our desperate need to grow our local economy.

Sincerely,



Donna Willi
Executive Director



Bob Eddings
Board President



January 14, 2013

Honorable Anthony Cellini and
Members of the Town of Thompson Board

Dear Supervisor Cellini and Members of the Town Board,

At The Community Foundation, our mission is to grow and benefit our community. The positive impact on our community of a project of the scope and quality of the EPR Concord resort cannot be overstated. And today, we are on the cusp of seeing that opportunity come to life.

EPR and Empire Resorts have proven their commitment to this project. They and their development partners have worked diligently toward their goal of bringing this transformative development to life, meeting the aggressive timeline they presented and the commitments they have made to our community.

Tuesday, they will again appear before the public and the Town Board seeking approvals to move forward with the proposed 1,583 acre destination resort at the Concord site.

I am writing to urge the Town's adoption of the SEQRA findings, PRD Text Amendments and Comprehensive Development Plan which will initiate the process for the build out of the destination resort, something our community has waited a generation for.

Sullivan County desperately needs the economic growth, jobs and tourism this project will bring, not to mention the accommodations and amenities. It will have a transformative economic effect on the Town of Thompson and the region -- redeveloping an underutilized property, improving recreational and tourist opportunities and encouraging broad economic growth.

With the Town's support construction can begin in the spring. I ask for your support to ensure its success.

Sincerely,

Karen VanHouten Minogue
Executive Director
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