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Basil Seggos, Commissioner
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233

Dear Commissioner Seggos,

In regard to DEC's Draft Unit Management Plan (UMP) for the Broadalbin Boat Launch, we thoughtfully request your continued consideration of the recommended closure of the beach portion of the site.

The Broadalbin beach has allowed generations of this Fulton County community to enjoy access to the Great Sacandaga Lake. Broadalbin beach is the only public access beach available to the public in this town. The Beach and Boat Launch have brought friends and families together to enjoy one of the Adirondack Park's greatest natural resources.

As Senate and Assembly representatives of the Town of Broadalbin, we are hearing from many residents who are deeply concerned about the impact of the closure of the beach. With the comment period deadline fast approaching, on February 16, we ask that more time be allowed for the weight of this action to be fully recorded. It was brought to our attention that many of the residents may not have been aware of the UMP and its comment period as notice was not posted in the Leader Herald newspaper, Broadalbin's most local news source.

Although we hope to find a creative solution that allows for continued recreation at the beach, for now we feel those most affected should have a full opportunity to share their concerns.

Respectfully submitted;

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