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May 24, 2013

Daniel Whitehead, Administrative Law Judge
Regional Environmental Administrator
21 South Putt Corners Road
New Paltz, NY 12561

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

I am writing to voice my strong support for the proposed plans for Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park. If approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center will be able to proceed with the development of this promising new destination in the Catskill Region.

As you know, significant time and effort have been invested in the resort proposal. The benefits of expanding two resort locations with a spa and championship golf course are clear – job opportunities will be created, tourism will surge in the Catskills and long-term economic growth will be realized in a critical region of upstate New York.

The Belleayre Resort is a tremendous opportunity for our state. As such, I urge you to thoroughly consider this proposal and am hopeful it will be approved. I appreciate your time. If you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

JAMES L. SEWARD
State Senator

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