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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

RE: "The Impact of New Downstate Casinos on Sullivan County's Economy & Resorts World Catskills (RWC)" Report

Dear Governor Hochul:

Please accept our submission of the attached report, "The Impact of New Downstate Casinos on Sullivan County's Economy & Resorts World Catskills (RWC)," prepared by Capacity Consulting at the County of Sullivan's request earlier this year.

The report details the extremely deep impacts that up to three New York City-based casinos will have on the operations and revenues of Resorts World Catskills in Monticello, Sullivan County, the Town of Thompson, the Village of Monticello, the Monticello Central School District, and surrounding municipalities, businesses and agencies.

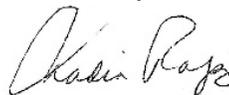
As explained in the report, just one new commercial casino in the New York City area could cause Resorts World Catskills to lose \$51 million annually in gross gaming revenue. Approving multiple downstate casinos could drop revenue by up to 76%. That one-casino scenario would mean nearly 400 jobs lost, \$13.8 million in wages gone, and millions in local tax revenue eliminated. This includes sales tax, room tax, and gaming tax, all of which the County depends upon to fund critical services. Expand that to three casinos, and the results could be catastrophic.

RWC is the single largest tourism driver and a major employer in this County. The loss of customers and revenue to the casino and hotel could prove devastating to our local economy.

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I encourage you to read the entirety of “The Impact of New Downstate Casinos on Sullivan County’s Economy & Resorts World Catskills (RWC),” and I urge you work with us to determine appropriate mitigation and relief measures so that local taxpayers are not hurt by the opening of downstate casinos.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Sullivan County Legislature

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