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Dear Chairman Steingart:

As chairman of the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development and a small business owner in Sullivan County, I urge the Sullivan County IDA to support the Mohegan Sun Casino project by offering them tax abatements.

This project is great for Sullivan County.

Not only will it create more than 3,000 construction jobs and 1,500 jobs once complete, Mohegan Sun at the Concord will have an impact on our economy which will ripple throughout the Hudson Valley as they use local businesses to supply them goods and services and pour millions of dollars into our economy each year through employee payroll alone.

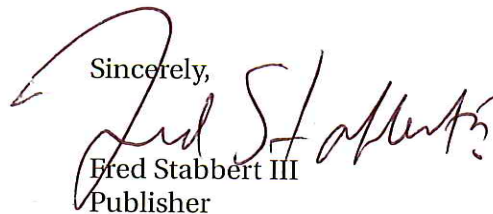
This \$500 million investment in the Sullivan County economy will produce an estimated \$3 billion economic benefit to the region over a 20-year period.

Not only that, but Mohegan Sun's guests will support local businesses, which will have a tremendous impact on Broadway, Monticello, and many other Sullivan County communities.

This project, when approved by the New York State Casino Siting Committee, will bring real casino gambling to a county which has been waiting four decades for this to happen. Already a leader in the casino gaming industry, Mohegan Sun will make its Sullivan County project one of the top attractions in New York State and again put Sullivan County at the top of the destination list when the Catskills is considered for a vacation, convention or day trip.

Please support this project which Sullivan County is looking forward to embrace.

Sincerely,



Fred Stabbert III  
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GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GREG GOLDSTEIN.

~~AND~~ I AM A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY  
AND THE OWNER OF THE MISNER INSURANCE AGENCY.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TAKE A FEW  
MINUTES TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF TAX  
ABATEMENTS FOR THE MOHEGAN SUN AT THE  
CONCORD.

THE MOHEGAN PROJECT AT THE CONCORD WHEN  
APPROVED, WILL FINALLY REPRESENT AN OPPURTUNITY  
FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL ENHANCE  
SULLIVAN COUNTY'S ECONOMIC OPPURTUNITIES AND  
BENEFIT THE CATSKILL REGION, AND SULLIVAN  
COUNTY WHERE IT BELONGS!!

~~WHEN~~ <sup>With</sup> THE CONCORD PROJECT ~~IS~~ APPROVED, THE  
HISTORIC GROSSINGERS PROPERTY IN LIBERTY, AGAIN  
WILL FLOURISH AS A 200 ROOM HOTEL WITH SPA.

THE GOLF COURSE WILL BE UPDATED AND 400 RESIDENTIAL UNITS WILL BE DEVELOPED.

NOT ONLY WILL MOHEGAN SUN DEVELOP THE GROSSINGERS PROPERTY BUT A 55,000 SQ.FT RETAIL COMPLEX WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN MONTICELLO.

THE \$500 MILLION RESORT CASINO WILL EXTEND OVER 60 ACRES AND THE AMENITIES INCLUDE A 252 ROOM HOTEL COMPLEX WITH 52,000 SQ FT OF GAMING SPACE .

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE, AGAIN, TO STAY IN SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ATTEND A SHOW, MUSIC PERFORMANCES AND COMEDY WITH WORLD CLASS PEERFORMERS!!

THE PROJECT WILL PRODUCE AN ESTIMATED \$3 BILLION TO \$3.7 BILLION IN TOTAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS OVER A 20 YEAR PERIOD WITH APPROXIMATELY \$1.5 BILLION TO \$1.86 <sup>Billions</sup> OF THOSE GAINS REALIZED RIGHT HERE IN

SULLIVAN COUNTY!

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTCOMES OF THIS PROJECT IS THE CREATION OF 1500 CONSTRUCTION JOBS AND IN EXCESS OF 1300 PERMANENT JOBS ONCE THE RESORT IS COMPLETE. RATHER THAN OUR CHILDREN MOVING OUT OF THE AREA, THEY WOULD NOW HAVE AN OPPURTUINTY TO WORK AND RAISE THEIR FAMILY RIGHT HERE IN SULLIVAN COUNTY!!

THE MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY YOU HAVE AS LEGISLATORS, IS MAKING THE CATSKILLS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, SULLIVAN COUNTY RISE AGAIN. I AM ASKING THAT

YOU SUPPORT THE ALLOWANCE OF TAX BENEFITS FOR THE MOHEAGN SUN AT THE CONCORD PROPERTY.

THANK YOU AGAIN.

Good evening.... for those of you that don't know me, my name is

Harris Alport. I was born and raised in Sullivan County and have been rooted into

this community for generations. My family has been running a plumbing and

heating supply company for 80 years; four generations. I am here today to

Support the Mohegan Sun at the Concord. I believe that Sullivan County

Is clearly the most beneficial location for resort development and is

Where such development will have the most sustained and positive impact.

During the 2013 referendum Sullivan County had the highest turnout of

Any county in the state with an overwhelming 76 percent of voters support for

Gaming.

The Mohegan Sun has presented plans for the Concord property, Grossinger's

Resort in Liberty, and downtown Monticello which make it an excellent

choice for providing economic opportunities to all corners of

Sullivan County and our entire region.

As a businessman in our community and past member of the IDA, I am keenly aware of how many benefits this project will bring to our community.

I am here to strongly urge you to support this most worthwhile project.

Mohegan Sun and its team of professionals have high profile casino experience coupled with its Sullivan County roots; make it a win win development.

I would like to say a special thanks to the Sullivan County IDA for all their time

And hard work to make this proposal <sup>APPEALING TO ALL</sup> ~~appease all~~ constituents.

Harris Alport