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My name is Jerry Skoda.

I'm here to support the actions of the IDA. Sullivan County needs to do everything within its power to make sure the Casino's meant for the Catskill Region come to the Catskill Region.

Its all about jobs! Most of the ills of Sullivan County are the result of lack of jobs.

- Mohegan Sun will create 3000 construction jobs
- 1500 year round permanent jobs with benefits including health insurance

We need to have a better understanding of demographics and its impact on people. There are a few talking about what Sullivan County needs is an increase in small businesses. What we need first is a major employer to create the jobs so people have the spendable income to support small businesses year round. Small businesses can't survive on fair weather weekend visitors.

I have been associated with our hospital and health care for a number of years. Our county is one of the lowest ranking in NYS for health care issues caused by lack of jobs; lack of health insurance; low per capita income and a depressed atmosphere.

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Year round , good paying jobs with benefits will make the biggest impact on the health care issue,

Next I would like to talk about impact. Twenty five years ago several of us negotiated with several Indian groups to build casino's. We put forth the host benefit concept and were able to build payments into each of the agreements.

The new casino law requires payments to the localities that host the casino's. Is it enough – probably not ; but give me the Casino and the jobs and then I will worry about additional benefits. The dropout record shows that we cannot push too hard.

Mohegan Sun has a buy local philosophy which they currently practice at their casino's in CT and Pa. What an impact this would have on our frail agricultural economy with the biggest advantage the savings in transportation and marketing costs which are huge. I helped Cliff Ehrlich develop a local farm products initiative at Monticello Raceway. Now he is with Mohegan Sun.

We need to support the IDA initiative to make sure Mohegan Sun ends up in Sullivan County. Their incentives are based on proven; positive and significant analysis.

Sullivan needs two Casinos and their jobs!!!

8-25-14

Public Comments on behalf of Mohegan Sun/Concord

I would like to thank the Members of the IDA Board for affording me this opportunity to address the Board on behalf of the Mohegan Sun/Concord project.

This project will allow our Sullivan County Catskills to rise again to reclaim our position as the premier vacation destination in New York State.

The direct, indirect and induced economic base that will be returned to our county will generate a tremendous positive impact to us, the region and trigger a stimulus throughout the entire state.

The addition of new lodging facilities to accommodate our visitors will grow our travel expenditures to the county and provide a solid positioning for our destination in the ever competitive travel marketplace.

The immediate impact of construction jobs and will spur a much needed swelling of activity through our quieter seasons bringing the necessary momentum to facilitate positive and smart growth throughout the entire county.

The Mohegan Sun team has met with many of our businesses in this county and continues to reach out and seek working partnerships that will afford growth to new and existing businesses in the Sullivan County Catskills. They have sought dialog already with potential vendors and continue to consistently seek measures to bring opportunity to the business community.

Our majestic backdrop of natural beauty and existing tourism product teamed with this project will afford our tourism destination the addition of a four season, sustainable full service resort gaming facility with the highly regarded Mohegan Sun brand utilizing an outward-looking business practice that will create solid local partnerships and directly inject millions of dollars into our local struggling economy.

Positive consideration of the Mohegan Sun/Concord request will afford SC Catskills enhanced economic opportunities, potential redevelopment of the historic Grossinger's as well as an overhaul on the golf course...abundant retail opportunities for our residents, visitors and second home community and the revitalization of our tourism industry.

Please grant positive consideration to this important request this evening

Thank you

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The Forestburgh Playhouse and The Forestburgh Tavern

39 Forestburgh Road, Forestburgh, NY 12777

8/21/2014

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of The Forestburgh Playhouse and The Forestburgh Tavern, I would like to formally lend my support for the Mohegan Sun Project at the Concord. The plans proposed for this project are not only incredibly dynamic and exciting, but clearly will fulfill the intent of our legislature by providing economic stimulus and growth in Sullivan County—a county which is clearly in need of such revitalization.

The Forestburgh Playhouse is a theatrical landmark in Sullivan County Catskills and in the State of New York as New York's oldest continuously running Professional Summer Stock Theatre. The Forestburgh Tavern, also an important entertainment and venue in Sullivan County throws its support behind Mohegan Sun. The Forestburgh Playhouse and The Forestburgh Tavern are excited to collaborate with Mohegan Sun to keep the arts alive, provide quality entertainment in Sullivan County and grow our local business community in tandem with Mohegan Sun's endeavors to develop in Sullivan County. We applaud the efforts of the Mohegan Sun/Concord Project and will be there every step of the way as a community business partner.

Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Trapp", written in a cursive style.

Franklin Trapp