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**LETTER OF SUPPORT IN REFERENCE TO THE
BELLEAYRE RESORT AT CATSKILL PARK**

Unfortunately, due to prior commitments I was unable to attend the May 29, 2013 public hearing regarding the above referenced project and its surrounding projects.

The Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, the umbrella organization of 28 local trade unions and over 10,000 members support the Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park and its surrounding projects.

The Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park will create the much needed economic spark Ulster and Delaware Counties need. The project is expected to create hundreds of construction jobs including over \$100 million in wages and salaries for those employed during construction. The total economic effect from construction is estimated at over \$700 million. The developer Crossroads Ventures, LLC has committed and guaranteed local labor on the project through a Project Labor Agreement. This Agreement ensures local workers with good wages, benefits and working conditions will be hired for this project. Starting construction wages for journeymen and women will be around \$30 per hour and benefits. It is expected that this project will enable local unions to open up additional work opportunities for apprentices or those unemployed in the area of the project. The PLA will include all site work, infrastructure and construction related to the golf course and the hotels and resorts. The PLA will include a local contractor and local labor set aside provision therefore creating work opportunity for smaller local contractors and their local workforce. There will also be plenty of residential construction work for local trades as the residential construction is not covered under PLA.

Currently many trade workers of the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council are unemployed. It is estimated that currently about 35% of the trade workers affiliated with the council are unemployed.



After construction the Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park is expected to employ over 500 full time jobs with an additional 200+ part-time/seasonal jobs. It is estimated that approximately 100 full-time jobs will pay over \$55,000 and another 400 full time jobs will pay over \$30,000 per year to start. These jobs outside construction are also well needed in the area.

It should be noted this project also is a very environmentally safe project. It has been reduced in size at the request of many. Much of the land proposed for development is now NYS Forest Preserve. The developer has dealt with all sensitive storm water issues, dealt with impacts of views, has eliminated a golf course and the golf course will have an organic golf course management plan, has committed to silver or high rating under "LEED" and has agreed to post bonds or another form of security to ensure that construction storm water and sediment and erosion control are done correctly.

On behalf of the 28 trade locals and 10,000+ members affiliated with the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council we support and recommend all approvals be granted for the Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park and the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center Project.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Todd Diorio", with a stylized flourish at the end.

L. Todd Diorio
President