January x, 2018

Senator/Assemblymember/Chairperson

Dear xxx:

We write to you today to respectfully request that you continue your support of the Catskill Park in the SFY2018-19 budget year, per the priorities listed in the Catskill Park Package. Your commitment to this funding affirms tourism opportunities, natural resource protections, clean water, public health protections, climate resilience, recreational access, job creation and quality of life for residents and visitors to the Catskill Park.

Investments made in the Catskill Park support jobs for our region across a broad spectrum of industries, from tourism, recreation, agriculture and forest products to drinking water protection for millions of New Yorkers.

Your assistance in delivering more than $7.2 million in infrastructure and stewardship projects for the Catskill Park in the 2017-18 budget year ensures the conservation of the Catskill Park for future generations, while increasing public access, creating jobs and supporting our communities and from the bottoms of our hearts, we thank you.

We appreciate partnering with New York State, local governments and other stakeholders to implement critical Catskill Park programs to conserve open space, steward our existing recreational resources, protect and improve water quality, promote responsible forest stewardship, build community resilience, and create new trails and public access.

Thank you for your leadership on Catskill Park funding, and your understanding of the important economic, public health and natural resource benefits of environmental investments.

We look forward to seeing you on the 2018 Catskill Park Day, to be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Members of the Coalition and volunteers will be visiting your office to discuss the importance of the Catskill Park and our 2018 priorities.

Sincerely yours,