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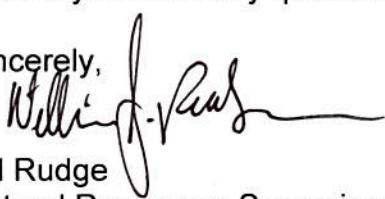
Dear Jeff:

I'm writing to address the issue of commercial uses at the Catskill Interpretive Center property in the Town of Shandaken. As we have discussed, in our Cooperative Agreement between our two organizations this issue is addressed in paragraph 6, which states: "the use of State lands, or any structures or improvements thereon for private revenue or commercial purposes is prohibited, except as authorized under this Agreement or a permit issued by the Department." We included these exceptions to allow the Catskill Center to raise revenue to help offset the operational expenses of the CIC. Thus, any commercial activity at the center must be for the express purpose of supporting the CIC.

The one specific case which is authorized under the agreement is the gift store, described in paragraph 11. Thus, events or other activities you may wish to host at this site in the future must be specifically authorized by a permit issued by the Department. As we have also discussed, as is the case with the gift shop, all net proceeds from the sale of items are to be used by the Catskill Center to support the operations of the Catskill Interpretive Center. We recognize that determining the "net proceeds" is somewhat subjective. Thus, we suggest that 50% of the revenue from the sale of items at the CIC meets the definition of net proceeds for the purposes of this agreement. In cases where an event includes several vendors, each individual vendor must meet this standard. A notice should accompany each vendor stating that the net proceeds of the sales will go towards the operational expenses at the Catskill Interpretive Center.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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