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The Honorable Eliot Spitzer  
Governor  
Executive Chamber  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Spitzer:

I am writing on behalf of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) Board of Directors and in follow-up to my recent meeting with you in Plattsburgh during your City-by-City tour. At that time, we discussed ANCA's programming and particular interest in the extended reuse of the Adirondack Rail Corridor. I also highlighted the ongoing partnership ANCA has shared with the State of New York.

On December 6 at ANCA's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in Lake Placid, *Profiles in Partnership*, we had the pleasure of hearing Chairman Dan Gundersen, our keynote speaker, discuss the state's commitment to economic development in terms of investment, infrastructure, intellectual capital, international and innovation. We commend your administration for a broad view of economic development strategies and for recognizing that regional blueprints will differ throughout the state. We believe the Adirondack North Country region is well positioned to benefit from your initiatives.

During our annual meeting, I noted that ANCA has maintained a twenty-two year partnership with the New York State Department of Economic Development. The partnership resulted from both legislative funding allocations and funding that had been placed in the Executive Budget beginning with Governor Cuomo in January 1992 that permitted ANCA to work directly with the Division of Budget. We are confident that you will also recognize the many benefits for the North Country region in maintaining our longstanding partnership with New York State through an allocation of funding in your budget.

Our current programming continues through a \$300,000 item from the Senate. Direct support in your 2008 budget will reinforce the state's commitment to an economically viable Adirondack North Country region.

Thank you for your vision and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry D. Martino". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Terry Martino  
Executive Director