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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 17, 2019

Ms. Laurie Villasuso,
Orange County Industrial Development Association
4 Crotty Lane, Suite 100
New Windsor, NY 12553

Dear Ms. Villasuso:

I am writing to express my support of South Gate Flats, Ltd.'s application for funding through the Orange County Industrial Development Association for its proposed mixed-use development on Main Street in Highland Falls, NY. The project, as proposed, would provide a welcome boost to the local economy. It would enhance the already popular tourist destination of the nearby United States Military Academy at West Point and contribute significantly to the revitalization of the downtown area of Highland Falls.

Orange County and the Hudson Valley would benefit from this project not only in the form of increased tourism but also in the form of increased employment opportunities. These indirect jobs would be well received by the greater Highland Falls community as well as by the family members of those stationed at West Point.

Another aspect of this proposed project that impresses me is that it will be built by Iron Sword, an SDVOB, and will employ Veterans and MWOBs in the construction. I support this project and all that it can and will do for Highland Falls, Orange County and the Hudson Valley, and I urge you to lend it your support as well.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Neuhaus
County Executive