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Statement of Timothy J. Rooney, Jr. Chief Counsel, Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway

“The Gaming Facility Location Board conducted a thorough review of applications for casino licenses and wisely recommended that Orange County not be a site for a casino in the Catskill region. We applaud them for their work and ultimate determination that Sullivan County represents the region’s best hope for economic revitalization through casino and resort development.

We thank our elected representatives, businesses and community groups who made a strong and convincing case that any effort to site a new casino not jeopardize the nearly 1400 jobs and billions of dollars Empire City provides for education and other government services. While the Committee’s decision to defer on the fourth license is of concern, we believe that the arguments against siting a casino in Orange County and the compelling reasons one was rejected will remain.”

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