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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

I respectfully request the County Legislature's authorization of a plan for the Town of New Scotland and the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to build a connection between the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail and the Joseph Hilton Park trails located on thirteen acres of land in the Town of New Scotland.

The Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail serves as a lynchpin for future multi-use trail development. By allowing this connection between the Rail Trail and the Joseph Hilton Park trail system to the County Rail Trail, together we are creating a more integrated network that will lead to more opportunities for recreating and exercise, increased property values, and for improved quality of life for county residents.

This connection would also build an integrated trail system even further through a partnership with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, as they develop their own hiking and biking trails on the recently acquired and nearby Bender Melon Farm property.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel