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*Submitted 3/13/08  
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Hon. Eliot Spitzer,  
Governor State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Spitzer:

Please accept our appreciation for the focus that your administration has placed upon revitalization of the upstate economy. Employment and opportunity within the Adirondack Park has been waning for years and we need the kind of support that you have shown in order to build a sustainable future.

We have always appreciated agriculture as one of the foundation stones of our economy. Because of this, we are greatly concerned about an enforcement action that the Adirondack Park Agency has commenced against perhaps our most successful farm in the Adirondacks. The Agency seeks a penalty in excess of \$1.2 million against the Lewis Family Farm for the construction of non-jurisdictional agricultural use structures in the form of farm employee housing. Indeed, we have passed a resolution, which I enclose, stating our objection to this ill-advised Agency action.

In addition, consistent with our statutory powers under Section 803-a of the Adirondack Park Act, we ask that you issue an executive order directing the Agency to develop, through a course of public hearings and with the involvement of our Board, a farm policy that we can rely upon to sustain our farmers. We have come to understand that the Agency has constitutional and statutory obligations to develop and implement a farm policy that encourages farming. We believe that once the Agency meets this obligation, our farmers will be protected from such mistakes as the enforcement efforts against the Lewis Family Farm. Our enclosed resolution also covers this important point.

We firmly believe that the executive order is the first step down the road of renewed economic vitality in the Adirondack Park

Respectfully yours,  
*Lloyd Moore*      *Frederick H. Monroe*  
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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board (Board) is charged with the responsibility of monitoring the administration and enforcement of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan (Plan) by the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is also charged with the responsibility to make recommendations to the Governor of New York State with respect to the administration and enforcement of the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that the pending enforcement proceeding by the Agency against the Lewis Family Farm, Agency File E2007-041, is in conflict with the terms of the Plan, which provide that agricultural use structures are non-judicial; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that the Agency has constitutional and statutory duties to develop and implement a farm policy that encourages farming in the Adirondack Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that the Agency has not discharged its constitutional duty or its statutory duty to develop a farm policy; it is hereby

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board shall promptly send a letter to Governor Spitzer opposing the Agency's enforcement proceeding against the Lewis Family Farm and requesting that the Governor issue an Executive Order directing the Agency to develop a farm policy.

Dated March 4, 2007

  
 Lloyd Moore, Chairman

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