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Chairman David B. Donaldson Urges The Governor Of New York To Allocate Stimulus Money For The Expansion Of Belleayre Ski Center

In a letter today to Governor Paterson, Ulster County Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson stated,

“I am concerned that the Obama “economic stimulus package” will pass by without the needed expansion of the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center being included. The long overdue expansion of this State owned property is a \$62M project that will require 200 jobs to build it. Additionally, 150 to 200 permanent jobs coupled with 600 to 800 seasonal jobs will be created once it is completed.

“The Ulster and Delaware County region has long suffered from having New York City’s water supply which has resulted in many restraints imposed by the DEP and DEC that severely limit economic development opportunities. The area’s only substantial economic opportunities are recreation and tourism.

“The Belleayre Ski Center is an extremely crucial part of the economy of the Route 28 corridor. The Ski Center’s expansion was approved by the voters of New York State by a constitutional amendment twenty years ago. I hope you agree this is long overdue, and I

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ask you to finally make the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center expansion a reality as requested by both our constituents.

“Related projects such as the State owned and operated facilities of Gore and Whiteface, along with others throughout the nation, have not only worked but have exceeded their original economic projections.

“The Belleayre Ski Center’s expansion is “shovel ready” and can proceed immediately. You can help this region survive.”