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KATHY HOCHUL
GOVERNOR

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The Whitney Industries Trust dated November 6, 2020
Whitney Industries, LLC

c/o Mr. Edward Hendrickson, Co-Trustee and Manager
2202 Lord Baranoff Dr.
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

c/o Ms. Caroline Steuer, Co-Trustee and Manager
20 Geyser Road
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

Dear Mr. Hendrickson and Ms. Steuer:

I want to begin by expressing my deep gratitude for the extraordinary legacy of conservation created by Mr. Hendrickson's brother, John, and his wife, Mary Lou. The care they showed for the lands and waters in their trust are lasting testaments to their vision and dedication to the conservation ethic that clearly guided their lives, work and philanthropy.

Conserving open space across New York State is a fundamental issue, especially in the singular landscape of the Adirondack Park. As you know, my Administration, through the Department of Environmental Conservation, has been in conversation with Todd Interests, Inc. for several months about a number of potential conservation outcomes for Whitney Park, including entering into an agreement for the purchase of up to 32,000 acres of land by the State. By adding Whitney Park to New York's Forest Preserve, it would be permanently protected as "Forever Wild," which would also boost local economies through recreation, safeguard diverse wildlife, improve water quality, and would add to the unique character of New York's North Country.

As you consider the future of John's estate and legacy, my hope is that together we can find a solution that preserves the property's remarkable waterways, fisheries and forests and ensures the long-term stewardship of the property. I am determined to work with the estate to align New York's conservation efforts with the goals and wishes of the estate.

Sincerely,


Kathy Hochul
Governor

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