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Senator Vincent L. Leibell, III  
1441 Route 22, Suite 205  
Brewster, NY 10509

Re: Resolution in Support of A7438 and S4364, The Healthy, Safe, and Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Act. Introduced by: Assemblywoman Linda B. Rosenthal and Senator Carl Marcellino.

*Vinnie*  
Dear ~~Senator~~ Leibell:

Bills A7438 in the Assembly and S4364 in the Senate would reduce the adverse effects of poorly designed and implemented nighttime lighting by setting standards for new and replacement light fixtures, establishing dark sky parks, and setting limits for light trespass.

In addition to the obvious waste of energy, resources, and dollars, a host of other problems are caused when we do not use night lighting correctly. Glare from poorly shielded fixtures interferes with visibility; light trespass infringes on the property rights of neighbors; flora and fauna are harmed by nighttime lighting that shines indiscriminately into their habitats; light projected upward causes unnecessary sky glow, depriving everyone the inspiration of the beautiful star-filled night sky. Furthermore, wasted electricity from poorly designed lighting contributes to unnecessary air, water, and ground pollution.

This legislation will benefit not only our generation. It is a commitment to future generations to preserve and protect the beauty and inspiration of the dark night sky and to protect the health and safety of our children, and the valued flora and fauna in our great state.

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust supports this important legislation for NY State, and we look forward to having your support as well.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Chmar  
Executive Director

