



Honorable Antoine Thompson  
902 Legislative Office Bldg.  
Albany, NY 12247

May 26, 2009

Dear Senator Thompson,

Thank you for sponsoring S2714, the Healthy, Safe, and Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Act. As you know, light pollution is rapidly degrading the sky's quiet majesty and our nighttime environment. Excessive and misdirected outdoor illumination wastes precious energy, resources, and dollars. It increases power plant-generated air pollution, causes glare that blinds drivers and pedestrians, intrudes onto our property, and invades our privacy.

SELENE is a grassroots organization of residents of the State of New York. Members come from all corners of the state. SELENE believes that lighting at night is a necessity, but insists that it must be done in a wise manner: light only when necessary; use motion-sensors when possible; use fully shielded designs to minimize glare, uplighting and misdirected light; and use appropriately-bright and energy-wise lamps in all cases. SELENE supports strong and comprehensive legislation for curbing light pollution in New York State.

SELENE strongly endorses S2714. We encourage you and your Senate colleagues to do all you can to ensure passage of the Healthy, Safe, and Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Act this year and then to work with Governor Paterson to have it signed into law.

Sincerely,

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Board Member, SELENE

cc: Assemblywoman Rosenthal