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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington D.C. 20250-9911

Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing this letter in support of the application submitted by the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency for funding from Rural Business Development Grant Program through the United States Department of Agriculture. Funding will be used to expand Catskill Brewery's production and distribution.

The Catskill Brewery has experienced a significant growth in sales since its founding. Along with establishing itself as a great brewer of beer, Catskill Brewery has also been part of the region's economic revival as a destination for the area's tourism industry..

The requested funding will be used to purchase brewing equipment to expand the Catskill Brewery's production capacity. This new equipment will include three lagering tanks, two fermenters, one whirlpool, one foeder tank, along with testing equipment, hoses, clamps, and yeast brinks to facilitate use of this equipment. Expanding distribution and production will enable the Brewery to better meet customer demand, bringing much-needed jobs to the community and supporting a popular destination that is attracting visitors to the region.

I ask you to please give application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate contact my staff member Laura Driscoll at (202)224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate