

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Donald S. Heintzelman
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Dear Mr. Heintzelman:

I am pleased to write in support of the application submitted by the Kittatinny-Shawangunk National Raptor Migration Corridor Project for the federal designation of the Kittatinny-Shawangunk National Raptor Migration Corridor.

The Kittatinny-Shawangunk Ridge and Corridor is a 250-mile-long, relatively unbroken ridge and corridor that crosses parts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. It is also one of the world's most famous raptor migration flight-lines and corridors, part of the Appalachian Raptor Migration Flyway. For more than 75 years, the corridor has been utilized for raptor research, recreational, and educational purposes; in fact, there are raptor migration watchsites along the length of the corridor, including Bonticou Crag and New Trapps Hawk Watch on the Mohonk Preserve in New York State.

It is my understanding that there are no other National Raptor Migration Corridors in the nation, making this federal designation the first of its kind. This designation has the potential to serve as a model for the designation and conservation of similar migration corridors at appropriate locations elsewhere in the country.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Hudson Valley Regional Director, Michael Morey, in my Peekskill office at 914.734.1532.

Sincerely,


Charles E. Schumer

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