REQUESTING THE CATTARAUGUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY EXERCISE ITS DUE DILIGENCE AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ALLE-CATT INDUSTRIAL WIND ENERGY PROJECT ("PROJECT")

Pursuant to Section 450 of the County Law.

- I. WHEREAS, on July 3, 2024, Alle-Catt submitted an application to the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to seek financial assistance for the development and operation of a Project in the Towns of Freedom, Farmersville and Yorkshire, and
- II. WHEREAS, such financial assistance would include but is not limited to a lease between the IDA and Alle-Catt with Alle-Catt's interests in the land and the improvements, and a lease back of the Project from the IDA to Alle-Catt and a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreement with the IDA wherein Alle-Catt will make annual payments, which will be allocated to the involved taxing jurisdictions based on percentages, and
- III. WHEREAS, the Towns of Freedom and Farmersville have negotiated Host Community Agreements with Alle-Catt, all of which contain a provision for Alle-Catt to make Host Community payments to the Towns upon the condition that Alle-Catt obtain a PILOT agreement from the IDA, and
- IV. WHEREAS, although the County Legislature <u>does not</u> have a vested interest in the Project itself, it <u>does</u> have a vested interest in protecting and aiding the residents and taxpayers of the Towns of Freedom, Farmersville and Yorkshire, to secure any and all entitled financial assistance from Alle-Catt, and
- V. WHEREAS, the IDA requires, pursuant to its own policy for renewable energy projects to obtain PILOTS, that the Towns that the project is located within provide evidence of support for the IDA to move forward, and
- VI. WHEREAS, the IDA is in receipt of letters of support from the Town Boards of Freedom, Farmersville and Yorkshire, and
- VII. WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, the IDA notified the County that the IDA policy also requires a request from the Cattaraugus County Legislature in order to hold a public hearing with respect to the application request by Alle-Catt, now, therefore, be it
- I. RESOLVED, that the Cattaraugus County Legislature hereby authorizes and respectfully requests that the IDA hold a public hearing in regard to the Project and move forward with its process for consideration of a PILOT.