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The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

## RE: Support for the Wildlife Crossings Act (S.4198A/A.4243A)

Dear Governor Hochul,

In May 2024, the State Legislature passed, with broad, bipartisan support, legislation sponsored by Senator Leroy Comrie and Assembly Member Robert Carroll directing the NYS Department of Transportation and the NYS Thruway Authority to identify sites where wildlife crossings are most needed to increase public safety and improve habitat connectivity. The bill also directs DOT and the Thruway Authority to create a priority list of wildlife crossing projects where federal funds available through the Biden Administration could be used for wildlife crossing infrastructure that enables wildlife to safely cross roads and other barriers. We urge you to sign this bill before the end of President Biden's term in office so that New York has the opportunity to leverage these federal funds.

Wildlife crossings reduce vehicle collisions with wildlife, and they can improve the survival rate of wildlife moving throughout, and across the boundaries of, the Adirondack Park. Having safe opportunities for road crossings are critical for many species of wildlife in and around the Adirondack Park that have large territorial ranges, such as moose, deer, bear. In addition, smaller species of wildlife need safe passage across large roads that impact their ability to search for food and breeding grounds.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Protect the Adirondacks, we thank you for considering signing this bill into law to protect the public and wildlife across New York State!

Sincerely,



Deputy Director

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