

Dear Governor Cuomo,

With word that S4844-A/A08206, “An act to direct the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to allow Nik Wallenda to traverse the Niagara River Gorge on a high wire,” has reached your desk, we wanted to write you and reassert our unwavering support for this legislation. This bill is essential to boost the vital tourism industry in Niagara Falls and Western New York.

Since this bill was introduced and passed, we have seen an outpouring of international interest in Nik Wallenda and the City of Niagara Falls. Mr. Wallenda has appeared on national TV in Canada, Australia and the United States talking about Niagara Falls as a destination for tourists; we have seen print articles across Europe and the world, and they all talk about Niagara Falls. Perhaps most important of all; we’ve seen hope and excitement here locally. After all, how many places can capture the imagination and curiosity of the world like Niagara Falls, NY?

In a July meeting, Mr. Wallenda met with city and state elected officials, local fire and police officials, along with State Parks officials and made a very compelling presentation on the safety precautions he and his team make. He also provided answers to many logistical and procedural questions. We are convinced he has satisfied every safety concern.

This bill is so much more than the act of Nik Wallenda traversing the Niagara Gorge. It is about harnessing the majesty of Niagara Falls and allowing us to open the city to the world, with all it has to offer. It is about realizing the potential of the historic State Parks, the capacity of Niagara Falls International Airport and the inspiration of the Falls’ itself.

We ask you to sign this bill and provide the legal muster to allow Niagara Falls and Western New York to once again thrive as a Tourist Destination.

Sincerely,



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