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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Dear Ms. Anthony:

Subject: Lake Isabella Sewer System

- Enclosure: 1) Feasibility Study for a Waste Water Collection and Treatment System
Lake Isabella, Isabella County, Michigan
2) Lake Isabella Property Owner Funding Commitment Summary

In 1995, at the request of Governor John Engler, you responded to our concerns with regard to the Lake Isabella sewer system situation. Specifically, you responded that "staff has not been provided with specific proposals to utilize alternative technology for sewage disposal" at Lake Isabella. In this regard, we are submitting our proposal for a Lake Isabella sewer system and request State of Michigan support!

Enclosure 1 represents the Feasibility Study for a Waste Water Collection and Treatment System for Lake Isabella. This study was conducted by Progressive Architecture Engineering Planning of Grand Rapids, MI. Very simply, the study recommends a Step Pressure Sewer Collection System utilizing an Aerated Lagoon Treatment Facility. The system proposed would immediately accommodate 500 homes with expansion up to 1,000 homes. The projected costs, less contingencies, are approximately \$700,000. *Project - 784,000 Cost*

Enclosure 2 represents a summary of signed Lake Isabella property owners funding commitments (signed copies available on request) to construct this system. Certain lot owners have pledged over \$580,000 to make this system a reality. Coupled with State *or County* held funds of over \$120,000, enough monies exist to construct the system. Additional *commit me.* monies would be received to defray individual costs as up to 500 homes are built. *escrow account tied up in suit filed by Berg house*

We are writing you this letter to solicit State support with Local and County Government Agencies. Originally, as a committee of property owners, we considered construction of the proposed system privately. Based on the various agendas of private individuals, as well as public agencies involved, we have determined this system must and can be constructed as a public system. We are requesting that your agency, as well as the State government, release State funds and actively pursue with the Local and County government agencies, construction of the system as soon as possible.

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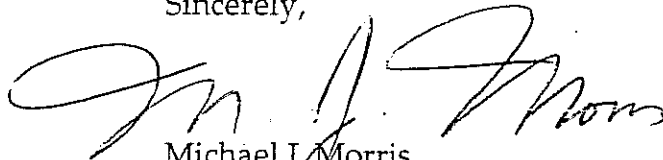
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In concluding, your response also provided that "staff have dedicated considerable time and effort promoting the development of a Lake Isabella sewage system." We would like you to consider that the time for promotion is over since this inequitable situation has been allowed to exist since the early 1970's. Please consider that there are, and have been, many individual property owners who have waited for public agencies to provide solutions for 25 years; people who have basically had their property condemned without recourse. Please, please, help us achieve success in a final and equitable resolution of this problem. Success will result in considerable benefit to the State and it's communities.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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