



City of North Muskegon
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North Muskegon, MI 49445
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August 17, 2026

The Honorable John Moolenaar
U.S. House of Representatives
246 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Funding to Support Environmental Remediation on Bear Lake

Dear Representative Moolenaar:

On behalf of North Muskegon City Council, we respectfully request your support for federal funding to advance environmental remediation and restoration efforts on Bear Lake in Muskegon County, Michigan.

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We respectfully request your assistance in identifying and securing funding that can be used to support eligible environmental remediation activities on Bear Lake, including, as appropriate:

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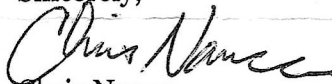
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The Honorable Gary Peters
U.S. Senate
724 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Hillary Scholten
U.S. House of Representatives
1317 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Elissa Slotkin
U.S. Senate
291 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Will Snyder
Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Funding to Support Environmental Remediation on Bear Lake

Dear Representative Snyder:

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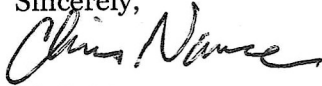
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The Honorable Jon Bumstead
Michigan Senate
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Lansing, MI 48909

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