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April 2, 2014

Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Representative:

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Development of an additional interchange at this location would improve traffic flow for the area and assist in our wildfire response efforts, as well as improve public access to several nearby state forest campgrounds, recreation pathways, and trail systems. In particular, the many nearby recreational facilities offer Michigan residents and visitors world class access to fishing, hiking, kayaking, biking, and other Pure Michigan outdoor recreation.

In addition to the development of a new interchange, this project can also lead to the development of additional paved non-motorized recreational pathways in the area, which can provide important trail connections in the ongoing effort to clearly establish Michigan as The Trail State.

The DNR is very supportive of this project and the recreational and economic opportunities that it provides to Grayling and the surrounding area. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kerry Wieber, Interim Northern Lower Peninsula Regional Coordinator, at 989-275-5151, extension 2908; Ms. Susan Thiel, DNR's Forest Resources Division, at 989-348-6371, extension 7440; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. William E. Moritz, Natural Resources Deputy, DNR
Mr. William O'Neill, DNR
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