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First, I would like to thank the Grand Traverse County Health Department and the Grand Traverse County Commission who have been very communicative with our association throughout the process of drafting the Grand Traverse County Onsite Wastewater and Sewage Disposal Regulation under consideration. We are grateful for the opportunity our association had to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee that reviewed drafts of this regulation and we have appreciated the willingness of both the Grand Traverse County Health Department and the Grand Traverse County Commission to consider our input in drafting this regulation. This has truly been a collaborative process and one that I am proud to be a part of.

With the assistance of members of our association's Public Policy Committee and members with many years of experience working on septic policy at a local and state level; our association reviewed this latest draft of the regulation. We identified some areas for improvement to increase transparency, support greater compliance, and provide greater efficiency. Early this morning, I emailed to the Grand Traverse County Commission and representatives of the Grand Traverse County Health Department our full detailed list of edits, which I also have a few print copies of here as well. We ask that you consider incorporating our suggestions and points of clarification before any potential adoption of this regulation. These edits reflect the thoughtful input of our members' experience with local septic regulations across our region and supports progress toward our association's greater goal of a statewide septic code for Michigan. Some of these items include:

- A publicly available map of properties that are required to be compliant if transferred
- Clarification of timeframes for completion of Department actions
- A public listing of certified inspectors, including a range of pricing for their inspection services to drive competition in the best interest of consumers
- Allowance for financing options, like the Michigan Saves Septic Replacement Loan Program, to fund the correction of substantially non-compliant systems without creating burdensome economic hardships

Thank you again for the continued opportunity to work with you to put in place an Onsite Wastewater and Sewage Disposal Regulation to best serve Grand Traverse County now and into the future. We are excited to continue these efforts forward and thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our input.



