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Dear Messrs. Atkins, Keefer, Muchmore and Roberts:

As Chairman of the Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission, created under Indiana Code 1-3-2, Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission and Michigan Statute, 2010 PA 259, Michigan and Indiana State Line Monumentation Act, I am writing to inform you that the Commission has concluded that the current \$1 Million funding available to complete the survey and remonumentation of the Indiana-Michigan border is insufficient. Further, it is our recommendation that work on this project not commence until adequate funding is available.

### Indiana-Michigan Boundary Line Commission

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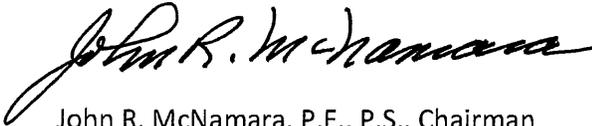
The Commission has determined that, in all probability, time and the elements have rendered most of the original evidence obliterated, and to properly carry out the survey and remonumentation of the Indiana-Michigan border will require a retracement survey of all 110 miles of the boundary line and remonumentation of most of the 125 mile and meander posts marking the border. And, based on estimates received, we believe that the cost to complete this project may reach approximately \$2 Million.

Each state's Legislature has provided that the cost of this project be shared equitably, with both states initially appropriating \$200,000, or a total of \$400,000 with which to begin the project. Michigan's enabling legislation, however, limits the total funding to "...not greater than \$500,000." Thus, a match from the State of Indiana would only provide \$1 Million for the project or approximately half of the funds necessary to complete the project.

The Commission is requesting the respective Legislatures increase the available funding for this project and allocate \$1 Million each for completion of the survey and remonumentation of the Indiana-Michigan border.

For additional information or questions regarding this request, please contact Mr. Chris Beland, Director of the State of Michigan's Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation, at 517-241-6322.

Sincerely,



John R. McNamara, P.E., P.S., Chairman

cc: Mr. Mr. Mike Zimmer, Acting Director, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
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