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The Honorable Shirley Johnson, Chair
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The Honorable Scott Shackleton, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee
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Dear Senator Johnson and Representative Shackleton:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is committed to noise abatement along our urban freeways and is regarded as one of the early pioneers in constructing noise attenuation structures. With the adoption of State Transportation Commission Policy 10136, the department is furthering its commitment to provide mitigation to residential areas adjacent to high traffic noise generators.

Commission Policy 10136 pertains to Type 2, or voluntary, noise mitigation which addresses noise abatement on an existing federal-aid highway project. This typically occurs when a highway was in place prior to any adjacent land development. The department has developed an application process for Type 2 noise mitigation, which will allow municipalities to apply for funding for noise mitigation measures. We anticipate distributing the application packages in the near future.

MDOT has been working on the plan to implement this policy since adoption by the State Transportation Commission in July 2002. I regret our oversight in not providing you with the status of this implementation.

Sincerely,


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Director

cc: Gary S. Olson, Director, Senate Fiscal Agency
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