

From: [Dave Mengebier](#)
To: [Thompson, Carol \(MSHDA\)](#)
Subject: Support for Housing North's QAP Recommendations
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020 1:04:36 PM

CAUTION: This is an External email. Please send suspicious emails to abuse@michigan.gov

Dear Mr. Benson,

I'm writing to express the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation's support for the the QAP changes recommended by Housing North in their December 1 letter.

The lack of affordable housing in northwest lower Michigan has reached crisis proportions. Employers cannot find employees to fill jobs because they can't afford to live here. Working families are moving out of the area which is putting additional pressure on local businesses and school budgets. More than 50% of the residents in our five county area are considered "overburdened" in housing an transportation costs.

The changes Housing North has recommended will make it easier to create housing options for all people in our community, and will begin to help rectify the housing crisis in rural communities like ours.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

*Dave Mengebier
President and CEO*