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Mr. Robert Hall, Wexford Joint Zoning Administrator, c/o Cherry Grove Township,  
4830 E. M-55, Cadillac, MI 49601  
Antioch Township, P O Box 690, 4490 N. 19 Road, Mesick, MI 49668  
Boon Township, 204 Myrtle Street, Boon, MI 49618  
Cherry Grove Township, 4830 E. M-55, Cadillac, MI 49601  
Hanover Township, 4910 Squaw Trail, Buckley, MI 49620  
Greenwood Township, P O Box 392, 6761 North 35 Road, Manton, MI 49663  
Liberty Township, 7580 East 12 Road, Manton, MI 49663  
Selma Township, 4101 S. 35 Road, Cadillac, MI 49601  
Slagle Township, 2971 S. Seven Road, Slagle, MI 49638  
South Branch Township, 7257 West 48 Road, Cadillac, MI 49601  
Springville Township, P O Box 323, 4785 West 48 Road, Cadillac, MI 49601  
Wexford Township, 6941 W. Six Road, Mesick, MI 49668

Dear Mr. Hall and Municipal Representatives,

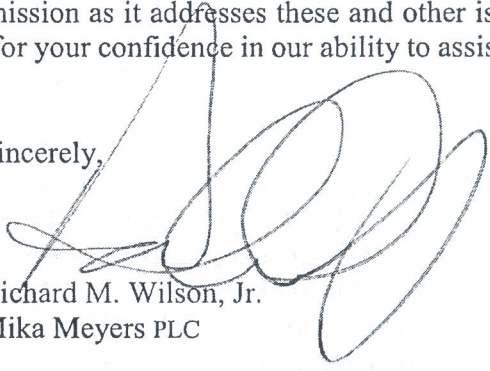
Mika Meyers, PLC would like to take the occasion of the first annual meeting of the constituent municipalities of the newly formed Wexford Joint Planning Commission to congratulate all of you on a smooth transition from county-based zoning to the newly adopted Wexford Joint Zoning Ordinance. In our long experience representing municipalities of all kinds, it has become evident to us that zoning and land use are two of the most important functions performed by local units of government. Zoning and planning under the Michigan zoning and planning enabling acts not only further the purposes set forth in the statutes, but also serves as a formal mechanism whereby local units of government can involve people in their community in making decisions that affect the lives of everyone in that community, and in doing so, better reflect the values of the community in its own growth and development. By utilizing the flexibility now provided by law and by joining with your neighboring townships in Wexford County, you are uniquely situated to have the best of both worlds, living under an ordinance that exhibits your township's own values in the land uses districts established in your township, while reaping the benefits of the shared efforts of a single administration, planning commission and zoning appeals board. If they are not already, the eyes of the State should be on you as you show others the effectiveness of the concept of joint planning and joint zoning. We appreciate the opportunity to have been involved in your success in this venture.

But, as you know, there is more work to be done. Time constraints in 2016 left a number of questions about various land uses and procedures unanswered in the new ordinance, and those

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issues remain on the joint planning commission's plate for the upcoming year. We look forward to assisting the Wexford Joint Planning Commission as it addresses these and other issues in the coming months, and again express our thanks for your confidence in our ability to assist you in all of these endeavors.

Sincerely,



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