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President's Office**

May 3, 2022

Kim Klopstein, President
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
16429 Beartown Road
Baraga, MI 49908

Dear President Klopstein,

The Baraga County Board of Commissioners appreciated hearing about the tribe's claims related to swamp and canal lands that were taken after they were set aside for the L'Anse Indian Reservation. We also recognize, and are grateful for, the way the tribe is seeking a remedy that does not disturb the current owners of the taken land. The current owners certainly did not contribute to this wrong and we applaud the tribe's approach in that regard. The Baraga County Board of Commissioners supports a legislative settlement that will right this wrong with just compensation for the land that was taken, the opportunities forgone, and the many other impacts that have resulted from such a significant dispossession.

Respectfully,

William Rolof, Chairman
Baraga County Commissioner

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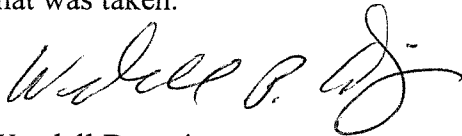
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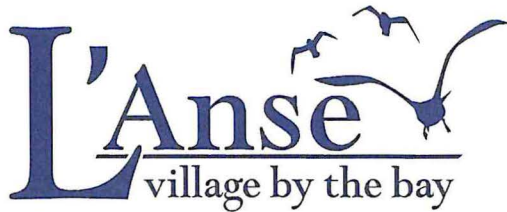
Dear President Klopstein,

We enjoyed meeting with you to discuss the tribe's claims against the United States and Michigan regarding land that was taken after it was set aside for the L'Anse Indian Reservation. We appreciated the orientation and background on these claims, and support a legislative settlement that will allow the tribe to be made whole from the land that it lost. We also appreciate the approach the tribe is taking by not impacting current landowners that have clean hands.

You have the support of the Village of Baraga and we hope that you obtain redress for the land that was taken.



Wendell Dompier
President
Village of Baraga



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April 28, 2022

Kim Klopstein
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Baraga, MI 49908

Re: Support for a legislation settlement of KBIC's Canal Land and Swamp Land claims

Dear President Klopstein,

We appreciate meeting with you and having you available for questions when the L'Anse Village Council voted to express its support for the Tribe's Canal Land and Swamp Land claims.

The unlawful taking of the Tribe's lands by the State of Michigan and the federal government represents an injustice that should certainly be corrected. We also respect that, in seeking a monetary remedy, the Tribe does not want to disrupt the current ownership of the taken land. The Village of L'Anse hopes that a legislative settlement will make the Tribe whole through compensation that addresses all the various adverse effects the Tribe has suffered from such an extensive loss over so many years.

Again, the L'Anse Village Council appreciates that the Tribe brought this matter to our attention and we look forward to continuing to work together as neighbors for the betterment of both of our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bob LaFave".

Bob LaFave
Village Manager - L'Anse, Michigan

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