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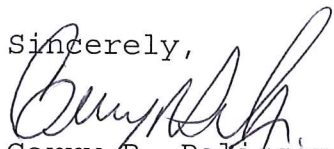
Michigan Association of Counties
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Dear Tim McGuire,

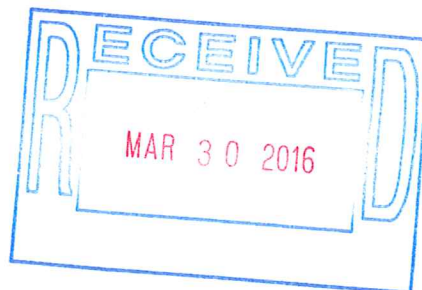
At the March 23, 2016 regular meeting of the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners a motion was made, supported and duly carried to send the enclosed resolutions (2) to your attention.

The County Board of Commissioners thanks you for your time and consideration to the resolutions.

Sincerely,



Gerry R. Pelissero
Gogebic County Clerk-Register



**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2016-03**

WHEREAS, SB 703 would amend 1976 PA 388 entitled "Michigan campaign finance act" by amending section 57 (MCL 169.257), as amended by 2015 PA 269; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would remove the unreasonable restriction that was included in 2015 PA 269, that being the inability to discuss ballot questions during the period of 60 days before the election in which the ballot question will appear; and

WHEREAS, SB 571, as it was presented to Governor Snyder, which included that a public body shall not discuss local ballot issues during the period 60 days prior to the election in which the issue appears on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, in signing the bill, Governor Snyder called for a "trailer" measure to clarify what was proper and improper communications; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners support SB 703 to remove this restriction on how County officials communicate with their constituents about local ballot questions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Representative Scott Dianda, Senator Tom Casperson, Governor Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Adopted March 23, 2016

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2016-04

Resolution Urging State Transparency

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Center of Public Integrity and Global Integrity conducted a national study of state ethics and transparency laws and safeguards, in which the State of Michigan was ranked last; and,

WHEREAS, some of the reasons cited for the State's poor ranking was weak public records laws and the absence of laws requiring personal financial disclosures by lawmakers and top state officials; and,

WHEREAS, another glaring issue cited was the exemption of the governor and the legislature from state open records laws; and,

WHEREAS, the State has required transparency from local municipalities through EVIP and CIP, yet the State has chosen to not take the opportunity to lead by example; and,

WHEREAS, this Board feels it is time that State lawmakers and top officials stop exempting themselves from the laws that they expect others to follow; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners urges State lawmakers and top officials to stop the hypocrisy of exempting themselves from the laws that they enact for the governance of the State of Michigan, of which they are included; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Senator Tom Casperson, Representative Scott Dianda, Governor Rick Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Adopted March 23, 2016