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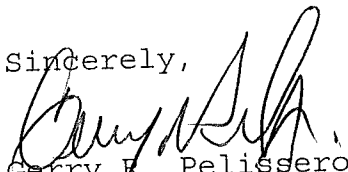
Dear Tim,

At the November 30, 2016 regular meeting of the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners a motion was made, supported and duly carried to send the enclosed resolution to your attention.

The County Board is concerned with the ever increasing costs of automobile insurance in Michigan and is seeking your help to reduce the costs.

If you have any questions, please contact Board Chairman Joe Bonovetz at the above address.

Sincerely,



Gerry R. Pelissero
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GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2016-06

Resolution Urging Reduction in Auto Insurance Costs

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Auto Insurance is defined as a No-Fault Automobile Insurance State, and when originally established this No-Fault Insurance was going to save insurance costs for Michigan's vehicle owners; and,

WHEREAS, as of 2012, there were 7,064,569 licensed drivers in the state of Michigan, with 8.2 million registered vehicles (MI Dept. of State). According to a 2013 analysis from the Insurance Information Institute, Michigan was the sixth most expensive state for auto insurance with an average expenditure of \$1,131. Part of that cost is attributable to the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association, which assesses a \$160-per-year fee per vehicle to provide lifetime medical benefits for crash victims. This assessment is charged to each vehicle insured whether you reside Michigan's major cities or in rural areas including the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA), a private non-profit unincorporated association, was created by the state Legislature in 1978. Michigan's unique auto insurance no-fault law provides unlimited lifetime coverage for medical expenses which result from auto accidents. The MCCA reimburses auto no-fault insurance companies for each Personal Injury Protection (PIP) medical claim paid in excess of a set amount. Currently that amount is \$545,000. That means that the insurance company pays the entire claim, but is reimbursed by the MCCA for medical costs over \$545,000; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners urge our State lawmakers work for no-fault insurance reform, which in turn would reduce the cost of automobile insurance in Michigan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are sent to all Michigan counties, Senator Tom Casperson, Representative Scott Dianda, Governor Rick Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Adopted 11/30/2016