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Senator Roger Kahn, M.D. Michigan Senate 32nd District

Chair, Senate Appropriations

December 5, 2012

John E. Nixon, CPA State Budget Director 6th Floor Romney Building Lansing, MI 48090

Dear Director Nixon:

For your information the attached transfer package has been approved by a majority of the members of both the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

The transfer approved is from the State Budget Office Transfer Request 2013-1 letter dated November 27, 2012. The transfer is for Natural Resources. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Roger Kahn, M.D., Chair

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Senate Appropriations Committee

Charles Moss, Chair

House Appropriations Committee

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FY 2012-13 LEGISLATIVE TRANSFER PACKAGE

Department/Budget Area	FY 2012-13 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	Transfer Amount	Page Number
Natural Resources	\$337,882,800	\$1,950,000	1
Total Transfer Amount		\$1,950,000	

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State Budget Office Letter Dated: November 27, 2012 Transfer Request: 2013-1

LEGISLATIVE TRANSFER

S.B.O. LETTER: 11-27-12 BUDGET AREA: NATURAL RESOURCES FISCAL YEAR: 2012-13

			TRANSFER AMOUNT		
	TRANSFER ITEMS	Y-T-D GROSS APPROP.	GOV.'S REC.	12-5-12 SENATE ACTION	12-5-12 HOUSE ACTION
		TOTAL TRANSFER REQUEST: \$	1,950,000		_
FROM:	GRANTS				
	Federal - urban forestry grants	3,024,000	(1,950,000)	(1,950,000)	(1,950,000)
	DAG, federal		(1,950,000)	(1,950,000)	(1,950,000)
TO:	GRANTS				
	Federal - forest stewardships grants	3,125,000	1,950,000	1,950,000	1,950,000
	DAG, federal		1,950,000	1,950,000	1,950,000

This transfer will provide additional spending authorization needed to accommodate a Federal Forest Legacy Program (FLP) grant received from the USDA Forest Service for the Crisp Point Project. The Crisp Point Project encompasses 3,810 acres of prime forest and over 2 miles of Lake Superior shoreline within the Upper Peninsula Forest Legacy Area in Luce and Chippewa counties. State acquisition of these lands will conserve environmentally important forest land at risk of conversion and fragmentation, expand public recreational access, and provide direct watershed/shoreline protection for portions of Lake Superior. The project is primarily supported by Federal FLP grant funding (75%), with match funding provided by a private donor (25%).

The property has been appraised, and the landowner is willing to accept an offer for the appraised value contingent upon the transaction closing prior to the end of the calendar year. The necessary spending authorization is available from the Federal - urban forestry grants line with the anticipation of lower levels of emerald ash border funding for FY 2012-13.

In total, the acquisition will cost \$5,970,000. \$4,477,500 will come from the US Department of Agriculture Forest Legacy Program, and \$1,492,500 will come from the private J.A. Woollam Foundation. Additionally, a \$300,000 donation from the J.A. Woollam Foundation would be used to pay half the property's payments in lieu of taxes for approximately the next 20 years. The \$300,000 donation is not technically part of this transfer, but since it is part of the whole transaction it is worth mentioning.