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Kory Groetsch, MS
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Dear Director Groetsch:

Cooper Township is writing this letter on behalf of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) in support of their application to conduct exposure and health assessment activities in Cooper Township and the City of Parchment under the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's *Multi-Site Study of the Health Implications of Exposure to PFAS-Contaminated Drinking Water* (CDC-RFA-TS-19-002).

Cooper Township, the City of Parchment, Kalamazoo County Health Department, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), MDHHS and the US Environmental Protection Agency worked collaboratively in response to the 2018 discovery of PFAS contamination in the Parchment municipal water supply (which serves customers of both the City of Parchment and Cooper Township) and surrounding residential drinking water wells in Cooper Township.

MDHHS toxicologists provide technical support on behalf of our community as the MDEQ investigates the contamination of PFAS in Parchment and Cooper Township and we can rely on the MDHHS Toxicology and Response Section team of professionals to promptly respond to requests for public health assistance and provide this technical expertise in the future. Cooper Township will continue to partner with DHHS on issues related to PFAS exposure and potential health effects. Importantly, this includes assisting as needed on the collection and/or identification of information that will inform the historical reconstruction and modelling of PFAS exposure in Cooper Township, MI. Similarly, we will assist as possible in providing meeting spaces for public and/or internal meetings associated with the implementation of the study described in the above RFA.

Our Township strongly supports the MDHHS application to conduct a health study in partnership with ATSDR to evaluate the potential impacts resulting from PFAS contamination in our community.

If I may be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Sorensen", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey R. Sorensen, Supervisor, Cooper Charter Township