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Kimberly Smith, Executive Director
OXFORD DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
22 W Burdick St
Oxford, MI 48371

Re: Stronger Together Trolley Program

Ms. Smith,

I hope this finds your office, and your great team at the Oxford DDA, well and rested for the New Year. I am writing to you concerning the status and necessary decision of our Board regarding the Stronger Together Trolley.

Our Board was provided a current assessment of the Trolley Program, through which we detailed the status and performance metrics for the Trolley and included discussion notes from our Main Street Committee(s). At this time, Lake Orion is electing to discontinue its participation in the program for a variety of reasons, including, the continual mechanical and operational challenges of the Trolley itself.

Without any assigned fault to the effort, the trolley simply seems ready to retire and with the changes imposed by NOTA for their operation of the route(s), the value and cost is now prohibitive of our partnership. I am mindful that there may be prior expenses that await our participation, to that end please make sure I have any invoicing for our consideration.

This has been a great initiative, and reflection, of the awesome power of our partnership and mutual respect of the communities. Our commitment to that mutual success doesn't waver as a result of this decision but remains steadfast to the next great idea.

Regards,

Matthew A Gibb

cc. Debbie Burgess, LODDA Board Chair