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December 13, 2011

Representative Eileen Kowall
Chairman, DEQ Appropriations Committee
Anderson House Office Bldg., N-893
124 N. Capitol
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Kowall:

At a regular meeting on December 8, 2011, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to support the efforts of ACUTE (Antrim County United Through Ecology) and other organizations and governmental units working to address the concerns of the migration of the Trichloroethylene (TCE) plume toward the public drinking water source for the Village of Mancelona and homes in Shanty Creek Resort (Schuss Mountain and Cedar River Village).

At the rate the plume is travelling toward the Cedar River Well Field, it is our understanding it could reach the well within five to seven years causing a substantial health risk to approximately 3,400 people. It is also our understanding that if the State would appropriate and earmark approximately \$300,000 of funds for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), a preliminary engineering plan could be completed as a first step toward addressing this very serious public health problem.

By addressing this problem through the appropriation of such funds, the State would be engaging in one of their most basic responsibilities: to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Michigan. On behalf of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, I respectfully request you take action as soon as possible to avoid the possibility of a public health disaster.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Garwood
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C: Senator Michael Green
Senator Howard Walker
Representative Greg MacMaster



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PO Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

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