



January 27, 2010

Governor Jennifer Granholm
111 South Capital Ave.
Lansing, MI 48909
Attn: Selam Ghirmai

Dear Governor Granholm:

The Indian River Chamber of Commerce is committed to creating a vital business climate for our region by supporting community enhancement in Indian River and all neighboring communities. I am writing to request your support for the Topinabee Development Association (TDA), and their programs to enhance the Village Center of Topinabee.

The changes recommended by the TDA Streetscape Enhancement Plan would encourage businesses to come to the area generating more employment opportunities as well as added tax revenue. The improvements would provide for more parking and improved beach and play area facilities in the Village center. The updated road plan would significantly enhance the water quality of Mullett Lake by reducing road water run-off into the lake. Overall, the program will help to stimulate tourism in Indian River and Topinabee with benefits to greater Northern Michigan.

The TDA is a group of private citizens who recognize that through collaboration with public entities, change for the better can happen even in these difficult economic times. We must encourage organizations like the TDA and support their work.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Behm
Executive Director
Indian River Chamber of Commerce