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Senator Carl Levin

Dear Senator Levin, December 20, 2008

Running through the heart of the Village of Topinabee, along the western shore of Mullett Lake in Cheboygan County, is the recently opened DNR trail which was once the Michigan Central railway lines. The trail is now used year round for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing in the winter and for walking, hiking and bicycle riding in the summer time. Topinabee is at the center of this new trail.

As you are aware, the Topinabee Development Association (TDA) has recently submitted a request for an appropriation of Federal funds to accomplish a Streetscape Enhancement Plan for the community. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the ***Inland Lakes Snowmobile Club*** enthusiastically supports and endorses the efforts being made by the TDA and strongly encourages you to allocate the monies necessary to enable the community to accomplish its plan. Our organization supports snowmobiling and snowmobilers in Cheboygan County.

The Streetscape enhancements being pursued by the community will serve as a springboard for the further development of trailhead improvements such as much needed snowmobile trailer parking in the area. The implementation of the plan will stimulate the growth of commerce and encourage other businesses to provide the types of services that directly support the snowmobile community during the slow winter months. In concert with the other enhancement work that will be accomplished directly by the local Township, the improvements envisioned will also better position the community as an attractive destination for snowmobilers. Additional snowmobilers bring much need money to the area and making Topinabee more attractive to visitors will have a positive economic impact on the area.

The ***Inland Lakes Snowmobile Club's*** goal is to promote the sport of snowmobiling. We strive to promote all aspects of the sport and encourage all snowmobilers to ride in a friendly and safe manner.

Your support of this request therefore would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gordon Lett
President, Inland Lakes Snowmobile Club