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Mr. Barry Hildred
President and CEO
Aquila Resources, Inc.
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Re: Back Forty Mine Project

Dear Mr. Hildred,

As the State Representative for Michigan's 110th District, I understand the importance and long history the mining industry has had on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. For hundreds of years, we have relied on our abundance of natural resources to carve out a living for our families. Farming, logging, fishing, and mining continue to be key industries in our state.

I appreciate the efforts and work already initiated by Aquila Resources and your development of the Back Forty Mine. Your project will help meet the demands for much-needed minerals, all while creating jobs and protecting the environment. Clearly, the UP, and our entire state, will benefit from the economic impact and revenue the mine will generate.

I am supportive of Upper Michigan mining and look forward to assisting you any way I can in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory Markkanen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" at the beginning.

Greg Markkanen
State Representative
Michigan's 110th District