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November 13, 2020

Mr. Barry Hildred
President and CEO
Aquila Resources, Inc.
E807 Gerue St.
Stephenson, MI 49887

Re: Back Forty Mine

Dear Mr. Hildred,

Since recently being reelected to my third term as State Representative for Michigan's 108th District, I am hopeful to see the development of the Back Forty Mine come to fruition before term limits end my time in the House of Representatives.

As an avid outdoorsman, I recognize the importance of protecting our environment in the UP. I also recognize the desperate need for economic development in the 108th District. Fortunately, I believe we can do both. Our state has strict regulations in place for non-ferrous mining. I appreciate your company's transparency and keeping me in the loop as the project progresses through our state permitting process. Through those many discussions and updates, I am confident Aquila Resources will not only meet, but exceed, the regulations set forth in the permits.

The 108th District needs to create more jobs so our youth can make a decent wage, all while living in the great UP. We also rely on the environment's natural beauty to attract tourists and to enjoy ourselves. Aquila is advancing the Back Forty Mine project in a responsible manner that will allow us to achieve both of these goals.

Being supportive of the development of Back Forty Mine has brought me some criticism, but it has not cost me votes. I believe there is a silent majority who support your project, and I will continue to help you any way I am able to - either here in the UP or in Lansing.

Sincerely,

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State Representative -108th District