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Honorable Governor Gretchen Whitmer
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RE: Protection of Public Drinking Water Supply
Follow up to December 17, 2020 Letter
Michigan Safe Drinking Water act / Cross Connection Rules
EGLE Part 14 cross connection Rules

Dear Honorable Governor Gretchen Whitmer,

I am sure you are familiar with our organization and our stated intentions to further the well being of the drinking water in our great state of Michigan from our previous contact with you and the rest of the people at EGLE. We have had some very productive meetings with several people in your organization both in person and over the phone, including Mr. Mike Bolf and Director Eric Oswald. I am writing this now to keep the conversation progressing so that it does not fall under the weight of the flashier issues that crop up daily.

We have previously presented many of the issues that are present with our water distribution system here in our state that relate to the part 14 rules and cross connection situations. One of the verifications used to highlight these outstanding issues is the thirty (30) page paper that has been compiled by our board member from the city of Novi, Kevin Roby. In it he addresses many of the basic and code-based reasons for the need of continuous attention and action to our drinking water safety and viability. This evaluation of the effectiveness of our situation in Michigan is being authorized and backed by not only the city of Novi, but our distinguished board of directors at MBPA and by several other cities, throughout our state. We would like to continue the forward motion of our meetings, and the coordination of the multiple entities that it will require to bring Michigan back to the top of the nation's drinking water safety standards.

I look forward to seeing this through; as it is only logical that the State with arguably the most availability to water should be the one that not only preserves it, but also keeps it safe for everyone to enjoy now and for future generations.

Sincerely,
Michigan Backflow Prevention Association

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