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Mr. Rick Harland, Grayling Charter Twp. Supervisor  
2090 Viking Way, P.O. Box 521  
Grayling, MI 49738

Mr. Donald Babcock, Managing Director  
Crawford County Road Commission  
500 Huron St.  
Grayling, MI 49738

RE: Support of the Iron Belle Trail – Kirtland Community College Connector

Dear Mr. Harland and Mr. Babcock:

We are writing in support of the proposed Iron Belle Trail project in Crawford County, which would provide an approximate 4.75 mile, paved, non-motorized trail connecting the City of Grayling's Bike Route to the Kirtland Community College Health Sciences Center in Grayling Township.

Our understanding is that the Charter Township of Grayling will be applying for grant funding to construct a non-motorized trail from the end of the Bike Route, at Brink St./Huron St., extending along Huron Street, Industrial Drive and a right-of-way that Grayling Charter Twp. has from the MDNR to connect to 4 Mile Road and I-75.

This new segment of the Iron Belle Trail development in Crawford County will provide enhanced non-motorized access to downtown Grayling, linking major places of employment along Industrial Drive and 4 Mile Road, as well as the new, state-of-the art KCC Health Sciences Center. The City's Bike Route also connects to the existing Grayling Bicycle Turnpike, which provides access to Grayling High School, residential neighborhoods, local businesses, Crawford County Sportsplex, Hartwick Pines State Park, and Hanson Hills Recreation Area. This project has been a collaboration of the City of Grayling, Grayling Charter Township, Crawford County, MDNR, the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, local businesses and the Grayling Multi-Use Pathway Steering Committee.

This project has been flagged as a high priority project among all of the participating entities as it will link downtown Grayling and the existing non-motorized trail infrastructure to destinations in the southern part of the County, as well as the entire northeast region of the state, being part of the statewide Iron Belle Trail vision. We feel the proposed project will greatly enhance the quality of life to residents and visitors, and we wholeheartedly provide our endorsement for this important project.

Sincerely,

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