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Dear Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority (GLUA),

The Michigan Lakes and Streams Association would like to extend our support for the proposed sewer system project for Gerrish and Lyon Township in Roscommon County. We have seen evidence of the impacts that septic tanks and even damaged sewers can have on lakes and watersheds. Malfunctioning and over used septic systems lead to enhanced nutrient loads to the groundwater of inland lakes. In general, researchers have determined that sewer systems improve the trophic state of lakes which leads to improved water clarity.

This project will contribute to the health of Higgins Lake as well as the groundwater and the watershed overall. We encourage communities around the state to remove nonpoint source pollution like septic effluent to improve and protect the quality of their local water bodies. A sewer system project like this is a huge step in preserving Higgins Lake for future generations.

Sincerely,

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