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Because of the positive impact on our Region and State, we request your support in the \$10M appropriations request from SVSU for the Lake Huron Environmental Sciences Research Station. This project will also assist in our workforce development and talent attraction and retention initiative. We appreciate your consideration for this project. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at magen@baycityarea.com or 989-893-4567. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Magen M. Samyn
President & CEO
Bay Area Chamber of Commerce



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President & CEO
Bay Future, Inc.



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The Midland Business Alliance strongly believes our natural resources must be protected, and we see this new Research Station as another step in that direction. Additionally, we appreciate the potential positive impact that this Research Station would have for our Region and State. In conclusion, we request your support in the \$10M appropriations request from SVSU for the Lake Huron Environmental Sciences Research Station. We appreciate your consideration for this project. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at 989/839-9522 or tstamas@mbami.org.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Stamas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Stamas
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Veronica Horn', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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