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*Via Facsimile; Att: Michelle 781-3640*

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Nathan Poore  
Town Manager  
271 Falmouth Road  
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Dear Mr. Poore:

I recently met with you along with William Rix, head of maintenance, to discuss our leasing of building C to Disability Rights of Maine. I am requesting an ordinance amendment to allow Disability Rights of Maine (DRM) to occupy leased space in Building C on Mackworth Island.

As the new Executive Director of Maine Educational Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing/GBSD, it has become evident that the entire campus, which is unoccupied with risk of rapid decay unless utilized such that water and heat flows through the buildings.

The prior use of Building C was for the Real School of Brunswick. They left at the end of June. We were approached by the DRM to occupy the space. I secured a lease from the State several months ago and only recently discovered an issue about use of alternative use of an "educational setting for youth". The Attorney General's office created an amendment to allow DRM to occupy Building C on December 1, 2017. Representative Pierce and Senator Breen will be seeking a legislative act to allow DRM to permanently reside in this space. We are pleased to be working with Andy Wyland, of Port City Firm, to ensure code enforcement compliance in a timely manner.

We are excited to welcome DRM to Mackworth Island as they represent a highly reputable advocacy group providing important services for children and families of children with disabilities. Additionally, they provide Deaf Advocacy and communication access for the State of Maine. The addition of DRM bodes well for the utilization of space that MECDDHH would benefit from in the years to come.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with your town council at your earliest convenience to discuss how Mackworth Island could be viewed as an overlay district and would be agreeable to a sunset clause for up to three years. We are grateful for you and Justin to have met with us recently and help us explore how we create meaningful partnership that would be beneficial to everyone.

I can be reached by e-mail: [owen.logue@mecdhh.org](mailto:owen.logue@mecdhh.org) or by cell 420-7771.

Sincerely yours,

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