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Governor Gretchen Whitmer
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Dear Governor Whitmer,

We are writing to respectfully request that you declare a State of Emergency for the entire Lake Michigan shoreline due to high water levels and erosion, which has led to significant damage to both privately and publicly-owned property along the lakeshore.

The pictures and videos we have seen from the news and in person is truly heartbreaking. Homes have literally fallen into the lake, tremendous damage has been done at state and county parks, roads have been closed because they are unsafe to drive on and businesses have had to close or have been severely affected by wind-driven water. Mother Nature has truly been unforgiving and relentless for tens of thousands of Michigan citizens.

It is our understanding that declaring a State of Emergency not only will open state resources to address these impacts, but it also allows the state to petition the federal government to do the same, activating additional resources to assist impacted communities and property owners. While the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy has been helpful in speeding up the permitting process and reducing some regulatory hurdles to address potential future impacts, much of the damage has already been done, and our constituents are now left to literally pick up the pieces of what was once their homes, businesses and infrastructure.

We are hopeful you will agree with our request and act both quickly and cooperatively with your federal counterparts to free up resources to those affected. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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