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Karleen Sempert
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Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Dear Ms. Sempert,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to respectfully request that you withdraw your opposition to our appeal for a property tax exemption for the Elk Rapids Cinema, located at 205 River Street, Elk Rapids.

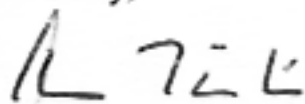
In less than a month, we have successfully gathered 229 signatures on our petition, demonstrating significant community support for our cause. These signatures, along with letters of support from local stakeholders—including a business owner and fellow nonprofit director, and a technical school teacher who hosted student film screenings at our cinema—are enclosed with this letter.

The ongoing case is consuming substantial time and resources, both for the Chalfonte Foundation and the township. It is also incurring legal fees for the township, which could be better spent supporting community initiatives. I have consulted with other nonprofit cinemas in the area, and they have received favorable decisions from the Michigan Tax Tribunal and assessors, setting a precedent that supports our appeal.

Given this context, we respectfully request that you reconsider and withdraw your opposition. Our mission is to enrich our community through cultural and educational programming, and the property tax exemption is crucial to our continued operation and impact.

We are hopeful for a favorable resolution and are committed to working collaboratively with you to achieve it. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Aaron Timlin, President
Chalfonte Foundation

Enclosures: Petition with 229 Signatures & Letters of Support