



Friends of the Grand Traverse Islands
John Bacon, Chair
253 N 1st Ave, Suite 1
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

August 10, 2015

Friends of the Grand Traverse Islands,

Having heard your organization's proposal for the creation of the Grand Traverse Islands National Lakeshore, I am writing to express the Ephraim Business Council's full support. Our tourism economy is built upon Door County's bounty of natural resources, and the unique geography of our area. For all of our comfortable accommodations, diverse shopping, our variety of restaurants and cultural experiences, it is ultimately our natural environment that brings visitors into our community, and therefore it is our duty to take active measures to preserve and protect it. Through environmental stewardship, we demonstrate our care and appreciation for our local ecology, and we invite others to do the same. The creation of the Grand Traverse Islands National Lakeshore would provide national recognition for Door County, and allow our visitors yet another opportunity to experience this special place for themselves.

The Ephraim Business Council wishes the Friends of the Grand Traverse Islands great success in its goal of influencing the designation of the Grand Traverse Islands National Lakeshore.

Thank you for your leadership on this environmentally and economically important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Flottman", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul Flottman
President, Ephraim Business Council Board of Directors