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Grand Traverse Bay Underwater Preserve
P.O. Box 384
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To Whom It Might Concern:

On behalf of the Grand Traverse Area Hotel/Motel Association, I would like to thank you for inviting me to the meeting January 14, 2008 for the Reefmakers presentation on sinking a ship to bring divers into the area and supporting tourism. I was shocked to hear of the economic impacts a sinking has done for other communities around the country.

For years, our community has been talking about an attraction "outside the box" that could be used all seasons and attracting new visitors to our area. This proposal will have significant impact in Northern Michigan. I think you have nailed down this attraction – hook line and sinker!

With this project, it will not only bring an attraction to the area, it will preserve a part of maritime history – a vital industry to the Great Lakes region. We will make host to many different groups, in the Grand Traverse area, not only divers but history buffs as well.

Because of your hard work, dedication and determination, you have given our area a breath of fresh ideas that should help keep this region's economic stability strong and moving forward for many years to come.

On behalf of the membership of the Grand Traverse Area Hotel/Motel Association, I would like to wish you the best of luck and wholeheartedly endorse your endeavors.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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President

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