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Chuck Korn, Supervisor
Garfield Township
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Kimberly Schaefer, Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Korn & Ms. Schaefer,

I am a resident in [Garfield Township, Bay Ridge Assisted Living, etc.], Traverse City, MI and I am writing to voice my support for an easement from Great Wolf Lodge to Garfield Township for the Buffalo Ridge Trail.

Specifically, I am writing to ask Garfield Township to advocate for the original Buffalo Ridge Trail alignment. This letter is also a request to Great Wolf Lodge to invest in non-motorized infrastructure for the Grand Traverse community by granting the easement to Garfield Township to make this trail a reality.

The easement is critical to the completion of the trail. Buffalo Ridge Trail provides valuable ADA accessible non-motorized recreation and transportation with numerous critical community connections. Buffalo Ridge Trail connects Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City's West Middle School, Meijer shopping center, a state of the art YMCA, Kid's Creek natural area, an assisted senior living center, a retirement community and neighborhoods. Great Wolf Lodge's easement will complete a well-planned and highly regarded community trail which will serve thousands of multi-generational residents and visitors alike.

In conclusion, the proposed Buffalo Ridge Trail route in the Garfield Township's Five-Year Master Plan should be followed through. The trail will provide a safe and convenient non-motorized route for people of all ages and abilities to access the numerous community assets along the trail to natural areas, schools, commercial and residential areas.

Thank you for your attention in seeing this through.

Sincerely,