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Town of La Pointe Town Board
Town of La Pointe Plan Commission
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Dear Board Members and Plan Commission Members:

I have previously written to the Plan Commission summarizing my clients' concerns pertaining to the proposed amendments to the Town of La Pointe Zoning Ordinance. A copy of my letter is attached. Having attended the joint meeting of the Town Board and Town Plan Commission last night, I would like to provide this follow-up.

First, the discussion last night has only heightened my clients' concerns as set forth in my initial letter. Those concerns have yet to be adequately addressed. I hope that each of you will read or re-read the letter and give it your most careful consideration. Though it was written on behalf of my clients, I believe that it expresses concerns of many others, that the proposed amendments, if adopted in their present form, would expose Madeline Island to a serious and unacceptable threat of over-development.

From the discussion, I understand that the amendments' provisions allowing increased density are based on the comprehensive plan's population forecast and consequent projected need for additional housing. I further understand that Burke Henry has provided information to the Board and the Commission showing that the comprehensive plan population forecast is in need of revision. Implementation action Item 4 of Goal #11 of the plan requires that the Plan Commission "monitor the rate of growth on a yearly basis, and submit this information to the Town Board in a timely manner." Policy number 4 of Goal #11 provides:

"If actual growth and development is significantly below the forecast contained in this plan, amend this plan as appropriate to account for lower than expected growth and/or adjust those factors that may be inhibiting growth."

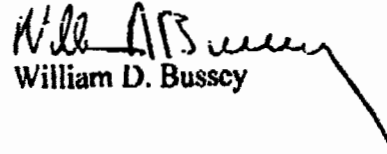
My clients strongly support Mr. Henry's recommendation that this aspect of the comprehensive plan be revisited and revised as necessary before any final recommendations to the Town Board are formulated, and believe that such action is required by the above provisions.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


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