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Jack Sage
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Dear Mr. Sage:

2012 is the final year that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has authorized our department to facilitate the North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste program (NO HAZ). We feel that NO HAZ is a very important program that has provided a valuable service to residents, has met with great success and should continue beyond this year.

Provided that the member communities are in favor, it is our intent to go the Board of Commissioners to request authorization to facilitate the program for an additional three years (2013-2015). Attached you will find a sample resolution encouraging the Board of Commissioners to approve this request. If your City Council is in favor of this, would you please approve this resolution during your earliest available meeting? Passing this resolution does not obligate you to be a participating member of the program for the three years; it merely suggests to the county commission that you are in favor of the county continuing to facilitate the program. We will continue to sign annual Interlocal agreements with communities as has always been done.

Thank you for your consideration and participation in the NO HAZ program. Feel free to contact Whitney Calio of my staff at 248-858-2071 or at calio@oakgov.com with any questions or to further discuss the program.

Sincerely,

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WHEREAS Oakland County's Waste Resource Management Unit has facilitated the North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium (NO HAZ) since 2003; and

WHEREAS over 25,000 residents have attended NO HAZ collections, resulting in more than 2.6 million pounds of household hazardous waste materials being recycled or properly disposed of; and

WHEREAS Oakland County and the NO HAZ member communities are committed to the protection of public health, the natural environment and preventing toxic materials from entering our waterways and landfill resources; and

WHEREAS participating in the NO HAZ program contributes to the Phase II Storm Water Permit requirements of our community; and

WHEREAS reduced revenue sharing and other economic stresses have affected our ability to provide our residents with a household hazardous waste program on our own; and

WHEREAS our community recognizes a cost-savings by partnering with other communities to offer this valuable service to our residents; and

WHEREAS intergovernmental cooperation of services is looked upon favorably by the State, and when applying for grants; and

WHEREAS Oakland County's cost of facilitating the program and all other costs associated with the program are reimbursed by the member communities; and

WHEREAS without Oakland County's leadership, the future of the NO HAZ program would be questionable,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that _____ encourages the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to authorize the Economic Development & Community Affairs Department to continue facilitation of the NO HAZ program for an additional three years (2013, 2014 and 2015).