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Brenda L. Stumbo
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Re: Confirmation that Within the Last Hour Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo Received a Text Message from Chris Kolb, the Vice President of Government Relations for University of Michigan, that the University had “Closed” on the Purchase of the 124 Acre Parcel of Land on Textile Road Which Now Brings the Total Acreage Under Control by U of M to be Approximately 144 Acres

Dear Board Members:

As anticipated during last evening’s Attorney Report, the University of Michigan, in keeping with their pattern of misleading the Township’s elected officials through U of M’s Vice President Chris Kolb notified Township Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo via text that U of M had completed their purchase of the 124 acre parcel located on Textile Road which now brings the total acreage owned by U of M on Textile to 144 acres. This failure to communicate with the Township continues to demonstrate the arrogance of the University towards the Township and I stand by all of my comments made during my Attorney’s Report last evening that the University has aligned itself with President Trump’s Department of War along with Governor Gretchen Whitmer in placing a “**bull’s eye target**” on not only Ypsilanti Township but Southeastern Michigan.

There is absolutely no doubt in anyone’s mind that U of M has made a deal with the Department of War to become an active participant in the administration’s “**War Machine**” and will continue to do so especially given the financial windfall provided by the State of Michigan through the MEDC to insure the Los Alamos National Laboratory is located in Ypsilanti Township.

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This is truly a sad time in our state's history wherein hundreds of thousands of people who have lost their Medicaid health benefits as well as SNAP benefits to supplement their nutritional needs are left behind as this State grants a one hundred million dollar corporate welfare check to the third wealthiest university in the United States to induce Los Alamos to locate in our community. There should be no misunderstanding whatsoever that Los Alamos is a "**Tier I High Value Target**" and, as stated by Vice President Kolb on a number of occasions, U of M is proud of the fact that they along with Los Alamos will be constructing the "**Biggest, Baddest and Fastest Computers in the World.**" This is basically an open invitation to any number of groups to plan an attack on this facility.

Furthermore, as we discussed last evening, U of M in exchange for being named as a "**Department of War Partner**" by the Trump administration also agreed to cease and end their partnership with the "**PhD Project, an organization that strives to help students from historically marginalized backgrounds achieve business doctorates.**" How ironic that while U of M does not have any hesitation or regret in the abandonment of those students from historically marginalized backgrounds who could obtain business doctorates but then turn around and place Los Alamos National Laboratory (a Tier I High Value Target specializing in the development of nuclear weapons through computational modeling and research) in Ypsilanti Township which has also been identified by the Poverty Solutions Index as being an "**historically marginalized community.**"

In any event, we will continue to proceed as we have discussed to prevent Los Alamos from locating in Ypsilanti Township.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Douglas Winters

js/cc: Trustees

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