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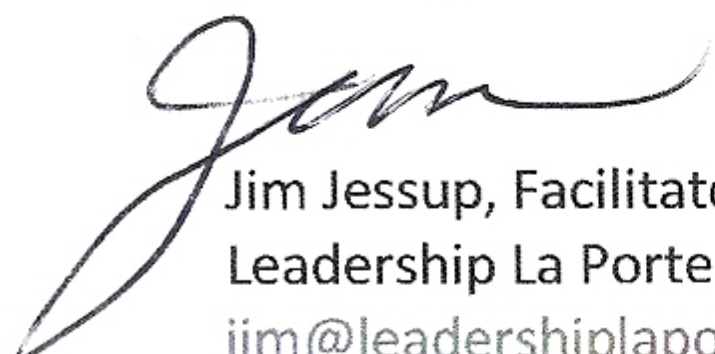
Robert Getz, President
Village of Baroda
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Dear Bob:

I want to thank you for coming to our La Porte County Rural Summit 5 on April 14, 2012, and talking about your hometown of Baroda, MI. Also thanks to Chuck Eckenstahler for assisting. Your presentation and video about the activities your village has undertaken was an inspiration for the attendees at the summit. The demographics, location, and condition of Baroda are very similar to our rural communities in La Porte County. Under the leadership of you, local government, and business leaders, the area in and around Baroda has assessed its assets, created a vision and plan, and forged forward to make positive change. Our communities need to learn from the activities in Baroda.

The series of rural summits in La Porte County is meant to help our 16 small rural communities find and utilize the many resources they have available, improve local leadership, and encourage and help each of them to strengthen their own communities. The presentation on Baroda was an excellent story to inspire them to achieve those goals. We really appreciate your and Chuck's participation.

Sincerely,



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