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Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners

Dear Sirs and Madames:

I believe that you will be having a meeting specifically related to the South Head Lighthouse here on Beaver Island. I understand that this meeting is about the capital plan for this property, and I would like you to seriously consider the plan and make it possible for restoration and usage to continue.

In the first place, a capital plan is necessary to be able to apply for any grants and funding from any source. Secondly, this historical facility along with the many other building played a very important role in the history of Beaver Island as you can imagine over the many years that the light was in use in the lighthouse itself. It also played an important role in forming of many youngsters who might never have graduated high school without the wonderfully successful program down on this special property.

As a retired teacher here on Beaver Island, I understand the importance of this historical building in its many uses over the last forty-five years of my life here on Beaver Island. I even taught CPR classes down at the high school program down there.

If, for no other reason, than the fact that "This Place Matters" with the house and the lighthouse still connected and still able to be restored, I believe that your board should step up to the plate and make certain that the restoration of at least the house and the lighthouse continues, and to allow other public groups to apply for grants and funding to complete the restoration. Your support for the Beaver Island Southhead Lighthouse is essential for its continuing existence and improvement.

Sincerely,

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