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Mr. Richard Pufall
Chair, Ashland County Board
201 Main Street West
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Dear Chair Pufall,

I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to address the County Board this past week, regarding the Law Enforcement Agreement the County has with the Town of La Pointe. We appreciate the Board's decision to table action on terminating this agreement.

As you consider alternatives at your Executive Committee meeting this week, I would urge you to keep the County's commitment, as expressed in the budget you recently approved in November, and to continue funding this agreement through the balance of 2022, at least. As you know, the Town Board of La Pointe included this amount in its own budget and tax levy calculation, in reliance of the budget passed by the County. Reneging on your commitment at this point would raise legitimate questions about the reliability of Ashland County's word in the future.

We are more than willing to sit down with County officials and staff in advance of next year's budget deliberations to discuss the feasibility of changing the way by which the County satisfies its law enforcement obligations on Madeline Island. However, we would consider any reduction in funding for 2022 a breach of trust.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Glenn Carlson
Town Board Chair

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