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Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary  
500 W. Fletcher Street  
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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) North Region, I would like to add my support of the expansion of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary to encompass the waters off of Alpena and Presque Isle Counties.

The Sanctuary, and its staff, have been integral partners in the creation and ongoing development of the US-23 Heritage Route which parallels the shores of Lake Huron from Arenac County to Mackinaw City. Furthermore, expansion of the Sanctuary will further enhance the public's knowledge and economic support of Northeastern Michigan and the Heritage Route.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Langhorst".

David A. Langhorst  
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