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Dear Governor Whitmer,

I am writing to ask for your assistance in providing aid to an urgent and extremely serious problem I am facing, along with hundreds of other property owners in Lexington, Michigan. Because the water levels of the Great Lakes are at an *unprecedented* all-time high, the community where I own property is at enormous risk because the shoreline is rapidly eroding due to the tremendous force of Lake Huron.

During the last four years our community, the Great Lakes Shores Association has attempted to ameliorate the situation by stabilizing the existing jetties and placing large boulders to shore up the seawalls. These attempts have come at a great cost to homeowners who have already been overburdened with the installation costs of the recent sewer project and everyday living expenses. Many homeowners are on limited budgets.

I am requesting that you declare a state of emergency for Lexington, which is primarily a resort town. Much of the town's commerce is dependent on summer tourism. Thousands of renters come to Lexington every week during the summer months to enjoy the beaches, the lake and all our town has to offer. That commerce is at risk because our beaches and waterfronts are being destroyed. Our hope, with your help, is to retain as much of the Thumb's beauty as we possibly can. Declaring a state of emergency can give homeowners like me the chance to obtain loans and helpful resources that we could not otherwise acquire. As you are aware, this is a very dire situation that we hope you will give your immediate attention to. Can we count on your assistance? I look forward to your response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,