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September 3, 2015

Mr. Brian Kischnick

City Manager – Troy, Michigan

500 W. Big Beaver Rd.

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Dear Mr. Kischnick,

RE: Backflow Testing Program – City of Troy

My name is Gary Smith. I am proud to say I have been a resident and taxpayer of Troy since 1978. Troy has always had a good reputation as having some of the finest city services in Michigan. That was one of the reasons my wife and I moved here and started our family business, Gary L. Smith, Inc., Plumbing, Heating and Cooling.

I know there has been much conflict over the backflow preventer testing program for residential lawn sprinkler systems. In my opinion we are very fortunate to have Mr. Matthew Kapcia in charge of our program. Not only is Matt recognized in our industry as the "go to authority" in Troy but also throughout the state and nationally.

Having been personally involved in this industry for over forty years I agree with Matt that testing should only be done by licensed plumbers as per the existing State of Michigan law that requires licensed plumbers to service plumbing aparatus.

The City of Troy should require bacflow preventer testing to be done by a licensed, insured plumbing contractor. Our drinking water system is one of the most precious assets we have. If other municipalites are willing to jeopardize their resident's drinking water, let them, but keep our Troy residents safety a top priority. I believe that is what city management is all about.

Thank you,

Gary L. Smith

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