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LT. GOVERNOR

August 25, 2008

Tonni L. Bartholomew, Clerk
City of Troy
500 West Big Beaver
Troy, Michigan 48084

Dear Ms. Bartholomew:

Re: Proposed City Charter Amendment

I am writing regarding your request for approval of a proposed amendment to the Troy City Charter. The amendment was proposed by initiative petition. The Department of Attorney General reviewed the proposed amendment in light of The Home Rule City Act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.1 to MCL 117.38, and concluded that the proposal is not consistent with the act. Based on that conclusion, I hereby notify you that I am unable to recommend to the Governor that she approve the proposed amendment.

Nevertheless, Section 22 of The Home Rule City Act provides that all amendments submitted by initiative petition are required to be submitted to the voters for approval. This is the case even if the Governor has declined to approve the charter amendment. I am enclosing a copy of the Department of Attorney General's letter dated August 21, 2008 for your review.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Keenan".

Kelly Keenan
Legal Counsel to the Governor

c: George M. Elworth, Assistant Attorney General