

STATE OF MICHIGAN John Engler, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY Douglas B. Roberts, State Treasurer



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To whom it may concern:

I have had the opportunity to work with Tony Sokol on various property tax related issues over the past several years, and he has contacted our offices numerous times in the past researching data for his clients. Tony impresses me as being honest and forthright in his business profession. He has always been straightforward in his dealings and has been helpful in furnishing useful information to our office.

Tony has spent a considerable amount of his own personal time acting as an intermediary for the personal property appeal concerning Michigan utilities. Although this appeal has not yet been settled, Tony has been able to help clarify several of the complex issues and bring the various parties closer together. Settlement discussions clearly would not have progressed to the extent they have without his perseverance.

With this letter, I am pleased to recommend Tony to a company interested in receiving fair representation with any property tax issues.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Hilpert, Chairperson

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