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To: [Laurel Evans](#)
Subject: Response to Petition South Bar Lake Drain
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To: The Office of the Leelanau County Drain Commissioner

From: Joe and Tara Bolton/ Property owners/10516 S. Leelanau Highway,
Empire MI 49630

Subject: South Bar Lake Drain – Petition to Locate, Establish and Construct a
New County Drain

Date: October 21, 2020

We are responding to your petition to locate, establish and construct a new county drain as outlined on the proposed drainage district boundary map. We are not in support of this petition as it does not seem practical to impact so many properties including our Township parcels when the actual drainage issue occurs in the village of Empire, your petition is not clear on the exact location or locations of this drainage issue. The property owners in the Village in our opinion are responsible for the South Bar Lake Drainage issues. It seems by creating such a large encompassing drainage boundary area (from the map provided) you are making a potential grab for dollars to fix a problem that resides squarely with the residence of the Village of Empire. You propose to penalize those of us in the outlying township with a potential assessment for a drainage problem that is not caused by us and most likely has existed for as long as anyone can remember. If this is a problem that needs to be fixed, then those directly impacted by this drainage issue should be assessed accordingly.

We ask you to deny this petition to locate, establish and construct a new county drain as outlined on the proposed drainage district boundary map.