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## TO: THE OFFICIALS OF BENTON TOWNSHIP, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Benton Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the requirements of Indiana Code 5-11-1. Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the Township's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any basic financial statement of the Township.

Management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents, as well as compliance with applicable state laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The Township's Annual Financial Reports filed for years 2011 and later can be found on the Gateway website: <u>https://gateway.ifionline.org/</u>.

The Comments contained herein describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of the procedures we performed. Our procedures were not designed to identify all instances of noncompliance; therefore, noncompliance may exist that is unidentified.

## **Current Period Comments**

- A resolution for salaries paid to Township officers and employees was not presented for review for 2012 and 2013.
- The financial institution did not return the actual cancelled checks or optical images of the cancelled checks with the monthly bank statements.

This letter is intended for the information and use of the governing body and management of the Township. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this letter, which is a matter of public record.

The contents of this letter were discussed on July 22, 2014, with Michelle Bright, Trustee. Any Official Response attached to this letter was not verified for accuracy.

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