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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFIN, POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of the Town of Griffin (Town), for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2014, 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 Town'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 Town.

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 Town's Annual Financial Reports filed for years prior to 2011 can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: <u>www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/</u>. For years 2011 and later, the Annual Financial Reports filed by the Town 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

- The financial institution did not return the actual cancelled checks with the monthly bank statements, but instead returned only an optical image of the front side of the checks. The back side or endorsement side of the checks was not returned.
- The Clerk-Treasurer obtained a Surety Bond in the amount of \$15,000. Indiana Code 5-4-1-18 requires the minimum bond amount to be \$30,000.

This letter is intended for the information and use of the governing body and management of the Town. 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 June 17, 2015, with Jeannella Shelby, Clerk-Treasurer, and Eddie G. Martin, President of the Town Council.

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