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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF SMYRNA TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Smyrna Township (Township), 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 Township's financial statements, we did not follow auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 prior to 2011 can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: <a href="www.in.gov/itp/annual\_reports/">www.in.gov/itp/annual\_reports/</a>. For years 2011 and later, the Annual Financial Reports filed by the Township can be found on the Gateway website: <a href="https://gateway.ifionline.org/">https://gateway.ifionline.org/</a>.

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.

- Each elected officer did not certify in writing that the officer had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-20.2 (Nepotism) by December 31, 2012, December 31, 2013, and December 31, 2014.
- Each elected officer did not certify in writing that the officer had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-21 (Contracting with a Unit) by December 31, 2012, December 31, 2013, and December 31, 2014.
- Payments of \$5,000, \$7,500, and \$5,000 made in 2010, 2011, and 2012, respectively, to a Volunteer Fire Department were in excess of the Board approved contract for fire protection services. These payments were for debt reduction of the Fire Department and were not included in the original contract.

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 March 12, 2015, with Tara Cash, Trustee. Any Official Response attached to this letter was not verified for accuracy.

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