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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, DAVIESS COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of the Van Buren Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015, 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 Annual Financial Reports filed by the Township can be found on the Gateway website: https://gateway.ifionline.org/.

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

- Minutes of meetings of the Township Board were not presented for review for 2015 after the organizational meeting in January 2015.
- The Township did not have the required meeting to review and adopt the Annual Report in accordance with Indiana Code 36-6-9 for 2015.
- The Trustee did not certify in writing that he had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-20.2 (Nepotism) by December 31, 2013 or 2014. Each elected officer did not certify in writing that the officer had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-20.2 (Nepotism) by December 31, 2015.
- The Trustee did not certify in writing that he had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-21 (Contracting With a Unit) by December 31, 2013 or 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, 2015.

• The Annual Report for 2014 and 2015 was not filed electronically until March 4, 2015, and March 12, 2016, which was 3 and 12 days past the due date.

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 June 6, 2016, with Teresa Huff, Trustee. Any Official Response attached to this letter was not verified for accuracy.

Paul D. Joyce, CPA State Examiner