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Hi Ed,

The below email is what I sent to the Morris School District. But you can use the same information, the only thing you'll need is the amount of Town interest, penalties, and fines to waive. That amount is \$5,562.87. Attached are also example resolutions, the Town one is actually yours from the past. The DEC violation is also attached just for your reference.

Thanks!!

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Subject: 480 Forest Exemption

Hi Jaime,

Thanks for speaking with me today! Attached are example resolutions from the County, Town and School district of prior 480a Forest violations we've done. These resolutions have the language to waive the penalties, interest and fines on the property.

The specific parcel we are talking about in the Morris School District is 158.00-1-11.02 located on Backus Road. It's approximately 93 acres. The current owner purchased the property in 2021 not realizing it had a 480A forest exemption on it.

So the following year it was in violation and the DEC is making him pay back exemptions all the way back to 2015 to include penalties, interest, and fines.

The total amount of school penalties and interest is \$29,400.12 on an original bill of \$7,945.98. We are asking if the school would be willing to do a resolution waiving the penalties, interest, and fines to make this more manageable for the homeowner who was unaware of all of this. In order for us to not accept the penalties, interest and fines we have to have a resolution from the School district approving removing the \$29,400.12 in penalties, interest and fines.

Also attached is the DEC violation notice. Let me know if you have any questions and thank you for considering our request!

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