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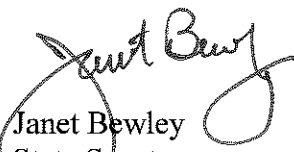
Dear Mr. Spaight,

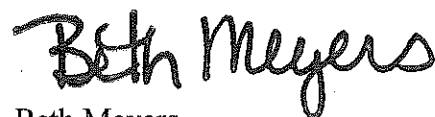
Today we write to voice our enthusiastic support for the Town of Bell's Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) application for their "Main Street" project. This project will bring greater pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety throughout this quintessentially northern Wisconsin town by improving accessibility to the businesses and attractions on Superior Avenue, right on the Lake Superior waterfront.

This town is largely built around Lake Superior: Marinas, beaches, the fishery, museum, and park all bring people to the water. Yet, there is a lack of crosswalks and safe pathways for pedestrians to cross the busy State Highway 13 to get from the waterfront to the business district, which includes the restaurants, kayaking outfitters, coffee shops, and general store, among many others. Adding crosswalks, bike trails, electric vehicle charging stations, handicap accessible parking spaces, street lights and improved access to restrooms will all improve safety during the day and night, increase use of the town's many attractions and activities by locals and visitors alike, and foster economic growth in the entire region throughout the year.

We urge the MLS Review Committee to take this opportunity to support the people and businesses of Bayfield County and the Town of Bell by giving favorable consideration to the application for a MLS grant. Thank you for your time. We'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


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State Representative
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