SAMPLE LETTER TO TOWN COUNCIL

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Chairman Peter Byvoets

Town Council Members

(All c/o Peter Byvoets at peterbyvoets.LB@gmail.com)

Town of Long Beach

2400 Oriole Trail

Long Beach, Indiana 46360

**Re: Support for the Establishment of a Lake Michigan Coastal Hazard Setback Zone**

**Dear Chairman Byvoets and Town Council Members:**

As a resident of the Town of Long Beach, I am very concerned about new construction on the Lake Michigan beach in the face of rising Lake levels and an increase in storm surge events eroding our beaches.

The extreme erosion that we have seen take place over the past two years requires decisive action by the Town to minimize the loss of our public beach. The Great Lakes Levels Board and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources have concluded that “the most promising measures for minimizing future damages to coastal property and life are strict local zoning and structural setback requirements.”

The DNR has taken the first step by providing a model ordinance for coastal protection that can be tailored by the Town of Long Beach to protect our beaches.

I urge the Town of Long Beach to act quickly to adopt a set of ordinances along the lines proposed by the DNR in their July 2016 “Coastal Hazards Planning Guidance for Indiana Coastal Communities.”

Thank you,

[PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS]