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Lorain Port Authority
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Mr. Novak,

On behalf of the Board of the Lorain International Association, I would respectfully request that you waive the Black River Landing rental fees for this years International Festival (June 22 through July 2, 2013). These dates include the set up and tear down of the bazaar. I am aware that the Port Fest is on July 3, 2013 and we will schedule clean up crews to begin the clean up as early as possible to finish prior to the Port Fest.

I make this request with the understanding that the Port Authority is hesitant to continue "renting" the site, yet not receiving fees for those rental. In light of additional costs incurred by the LIA, I believe this to be a fair request. Per our previous conversations, The LIA has agreed to reimburse the cost of electricity used during the festival to the Port Authority. We will take pictures of the meters prior to set up and at the close of tear down. I understand that a Ohio Edison representative will assist in determining the usage costs based on those meter readings. You are also aware that we have had to contract for electrician services this year, a service that had previously been provide without charge by the IBEW. That cost will run between \$8,000 and \$11,000. Clearly an unanticipated budgetary item.

As always, we would like to thank the Port Authority for its continued support and expertise in hosting our event. This is a partnership that that works, and I hope that cooperation continues well into the future.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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