

*From: UP WILD CHURCH Faith Community, Marquette, MI
131 East Ridge Street, Marquette, MI, 49855*

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Dear Citizens for a Safe & Clean Lake Superior,

We offer this letter of support in the effort to keep our Lake Shore safe and clean, especially as this launch site directly affects our group.

We have experienced that many people within the varied faith communities in our area are seeking out ways to reconnect with nature. The natural environment offers much to us; silence in a chaotic world, fresh air and oxygen, - it is a healing place worthy of our presence and protection.

UP Wild is a cross-denominational Christian 501(c)3 religious organization that was created out of the need to foster deeper connections with God in our U.P. wild spaces. Those who attend come from the local Marquette Episcopal, Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian traditions - among many others. While many churches are experiencing a decline in participation, we are growing.

We meet outdoors and primarily at Presque Isle Park, Wetmore Landing, Little Presque Isle, Little Garlic Falls Elliot-Donnelly Wilderness Tract, Saux Head Trail Head, and our gathering space is located at Halfway Village off of Highway 550 – all of which is a few miles or less from Granot Loma. The location of this proposed launch site **directly affects us**. This is where we gather to pray & worship together.

This land is sacred to the Anishinabek and for those who gather with us at UP Wild, we understand that this land is not ours but it belongs to our Creator- therefore, we must not think that we can do as we please but we must take into account the well being of all those who currently reside on, pray upon, hike and walk upon, and the next generations.

We gather monthly around these areas and will continue to do so. We have many more prayer services planned in these areas and we are in the process of creating an agroforestry + outdoor chapel directly within 2 miles of this proposed site. This will greatly affect the safety of our congregants if rockets are blasting over our heads.

We are opposed to this site location & plan.

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