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**Grand Traverse County's Chairwoman Carol Crawford confers with White House officials at Michigan Counties Conference in D.C.**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Carol Crawford joined more than 70 county commissioners from across Michigan on Aug. 8 at a White House Conference to discuss greater cooperation between local and federal leaders.

The Michigan gathering was one of a handful arranged this summer by the Trump administration to solicit local views on public policy challenges.

“This is the first time any administration has ever come directly to the County Commissioners and asked, ‘What can we do for you?’ ” Chairwoman Crawford said. “I have now met and spoken with Intergovernmental Affairs staffers from many White House departments and agencies. They gave their direct contact information so we can follow up, ask more questions, and get more information,” Crawford said. “Topics included pension debt, Soo Locks, roads and bridges, Essential Air Service, Brownfield continuation, health care, affordable housing and opioid addiction epidemic.”

The night before the conference, Carol Crawford attended a briefing from the Michigan Association of Counties and National Association of Counties on “Matters of Importance to Michigan.”

“The engagement of Michigan commissioners in this event is highly encouraging” said Stephan W. Currie, executive director of the Michigan Association of Counties. “There’s nothing more valuable in the development of strong public policy than to have local elected officials giving their on-the-ground assessments to federal leaders.”

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