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**Subject:** Response to Violation Notice P1226 Ziebart of Michigan VNB9-7-2023

Adam,

In response to violation notice VN9-7-2023, please note that the following steps have been taken to eliminate or reduce the odors discussed in the violation notice.

1. On 10/12/2023, a 6ft x 32inch unobstructed stack was added to the existing exhaust port on the roof, bringing the discharge height to approximately 1.5x the height of the building as you suggested in your 10/2/2023 email.
2. The intake to the exhaust system was modified on 10/12/2023 to draw the air from approximately 2 ft from the floor through a four-bank filter system. The old intake did not have filters and drew air from the ceiling above the rust proofing application area as well the wall adjacent to the application area.
3. The staff has been instructed to ensure the exhaust fan is operational and in use any time the store is open.
4. The staff has also been instructed to ensure the garage bay door directly adjacent to the rust proofing application area is kept closed during active spraying operations.

As the suspected fumes in question are heavier than air, we hope that by capping the ceiling intake and drawing the air through filters closer to the floor, the odors exiting the building through the exhaust system will be greatly reduced. Closing the door during active spraying operations will channel the vapors through the exhaust system and not the open door. And extending the height of the unobstructed stack should help in dispersing the odor more thoroughly.

Please let me if this email satisfies the requirement for a written response as directed in the violation notice.

Regards,  
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