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## Contact Form Submission

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Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 12:35 PM

**Your Name:** Leonard Benden

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**Comment:** I am writing on behalf for my wife Gloria Benden. She is 75 years old and is suffering from dementia and Parkinson's syndrome. She cannot walk without assistance and unable to communicate. I have requested the use of my golf cart so I can drive her around To see friends and go to parks. My first request to chief Brentar in Jan. while I was in Florida was denied. Upon my return I made a second request to Mr. Tom Hitch. This was also denied. The first response of denial was : IF we allow you to use a cart everybody will want to use one. The second response was that we did not qualify for using a cart. It should be noted that according to the American Disabilities Act a golf cart is listed as a mobile disability vehicle . I tried to convey this to Mr.Hitch who stated that he is not my attorney and if I wished to peruse this matter to get my own attorney. I have tried twice to contact Mr. guetschow who is not returning any calls. Not having any choices left I have filed a complaint with the United States Justice department. This is not something I want to do but forced into. I am almost 79 years of age and have also underlying medical condition. I'm a proud man , having served in the military and 32 years in law enforcement. As you may have seen on what's happening in Charlotte, I posted my dilemma. Over 150 responses with not a single one against my request for the use of a handicapped mobility device. I should add that as of 2019 50 cities in Michigan allow it's use with Olivet and Grand Ledge included in Eaton County. I do not have the luxury of waiting as our time is running out. I am urging the council to allow me to use my cart and make whatever time is left as enjoyable as possible for my wife.

Sincerely:  
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