

**Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center  
Northeast Regional Office**

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Northern Transformation Corporation  
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Dear Promise Zone Review Committee:

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (MMTC) Northeast Regional Office, and its affiliates, of Saginaw Valley State University offers our strong support for Northern Transformation's application and commitment to obtain Promise Zone designation for Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Ogemaw, Iosco and Roscommon Counties.

Since 1991 the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center has assisted Michigan's small and medium sized businesses in the aforementioned region to compete and grow. Through personalized services tailored to meet the needs of clients, we develop more effective business leaders, drive product and process innovation, promote company-wide operational excellence and foster creative strategies for business growth and greater profitability. Supported by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation as Michigan's National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) affiliate, we bring well-tested services to our MEP clients. As a federal and state sponsored program, the MMTC is measured by the success of our clients in areas of job retention and growth, improving capital investment in the region, and increasing growth opportunities.

The MMTC Northeast Regional office has worked with many of the regions manufacturing organizations and has trained hundreds of individuals in advanced manufacturing skills and techniques. We continue to see big impacts in the region and understand the great potential that the region has for economic growth.

These North-eastern counties have a fantastic potential to be the shining star of the Promise Zone initiative and MMTC is willing to commit its resources to assist in any and all efforts to further enhance the economic vitality of the region with Northern Transformation and all regional partners.

We are committed to supporting the Consortium of Partners and its manufacturing base. On behalf of MMTC, I recommend Northern Transformation and the six county region without reservation to be considered one of the Nation's 20 Promise Zones.

Sincerely,



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