## ROSE TOWNSHIP BOX 99 ROSE CITY MI 48654

November 20, 2013

Northern Transformation Corporation 2839 S. M76 West Branch, MI 48661

**RE:** Promise Zone Initiative

Dear Promise Zone Initiative Committee:

It is with pleasure that the Rose Township Board supports your organization and efforts to acquire Promise Zone status. The Board shares in your values, beliefs and goals realizing the well being of its citizens is reflective of the well being of our county and the region.

We understand this designation can create sustainable local business, encourage job growth and increase the overall quality of life for our region. This board realizes the importance of promoting the region and its economic assets and natural resources such as work force, local business, rivers, streams and forests.

We are anxious to partner in a Promise Zone Initiative that can provide increased opportunities to assist in the battle against high poverty and low educational attainment while finding additional economic development chances for citizens of our county. The Skidway Lake area, which is located in southeastern Ogemaw County, has the highest level of poverty in the six county regions. This area will become a priority should Promise Zone designation become a reality.

If this status is approved, the Rose Township Board will seek funding for assistance with various programs and services that promote the quality of life for our citizens.

Respectfully,

Kelli Collins Rose Township Clerk

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