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Dear Promise Zone Committee:

Arenac County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of Northern Transformation, East Michigan Council of Governments, Michigan Works! Region 7B and Prima Civitas as they apply for a Promise Zone designation on behalf of the Consortium of Partners and for the counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Iosco, Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties.

As a board, we are committed to partner in the initiative. As we tackle revitalization efforts, our communities are stronger through regional collaboration.

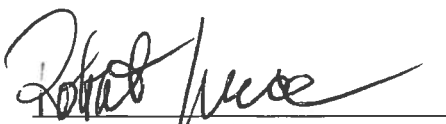
Arenac County has 50 miles of shoreline on Lake Huron. Our open blue and green space is unmatched. We have a thriving plastics industry and our county seat, Standish, is home to the start to the US 23 Heritage Route which has been featured in national 'Pure Michigan' campaigns and has been a boon to attracting guests to our communities.

Our assets have been developed through federal grants, and we as a county are well aware how crucial federal funding and technical assistance is for our region to move forward. The need for future funding, to expand high speed internet, to attract business and create affordable housing in proximity to our industry are issues we are confronting each and every day.

Knowing that we have partners who are working on these same issues meaning not only greater success in outcomes, but learning best practices and expanding upon efforts already underway in the six counties.

We very much look forward to working with the Consortium of Partners to improve the quality of life for our residents and businesses.

Respectfully,


Robert Luce, Chairman

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