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Northern Transformation Corporation 2839 South M-76 West Branch, Michigan 48661

Dear Promise Zone Committee:

It is with great pleasure that the City of Gladwin supports your organization and its efforts to achieve Promise Zone status. We share in your values, beliefs and goals, realizing that the well-being of our students and citizens is reflective of the well-being of our community and region. I am pleased to sign this letter of support for Northern Transformation's Promise Zone application.

Receiving this designation will help promote sustainable local businesses, job growth and improve the quality of life for this region. As we know, many individuals from our area, in particular, the younger generation, are moving out of our area to seek jobs in other areas. We believe it is possible to reverse this trend.

The general population of our area is aging at a greater rate than others in Michigan. Our population continues to face a higher rate of poverty and disability and access to medical care continues to be a challenge. We believe it is possible to reverse these trends.

It is our intent that if this status is approved, the City of Gladwin intends to seek funding for assistance with an iron removal plant and bolster the overall economic and educational opportunities of the region. We look forward to continuing to work together to address these ongoing challenges and to strive to improve the quality of life for them.

Sincerely,

Robert Moffit City Administrator