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November 20, 2013

Dear Promise Zone Review Committee,

On behalf of the Clare County Board of Commissioners I would like to offer our support of the Promise Zone application by Northern Transformations.

Clare County has been involved in a number of ventures that are intended to create jobs, decrease poverty and support education. The County's Economic Development Organization, Middle Michigan Development Corporation, is strategically doing business attraction, retention and assisting with business expansions. This effort creates jobs and contributes in the reduction of poverty. The county has always supported tax abatement applications by business and industry which contributes to job creation as well.

The county houses Michigan State University Extension which is very involved in education both for youth and for adults. It offers classes to citizens in Clare County on various topics that are not available through the education system. In addition, the Clare County Veterans Affairs, the County Health Department, and Conservation District are housed here. All offer educational opportunities to the citizens of the County.

Clare County has utilized federal grant funding on a number of occasions and will continue to do so in the future. Being a participating member of the Promise Zone will be of great benefit to the county.

Again, we strongly encourage the Promise Zone Committee to consider and award this designation to this six county region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Gelios".

Jim Gelios, Chairman

Clare County Board of Commissioners