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Promise Zone Committee  
c/o Northern Transformation  
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To the Members of the Promise Zone Committee:

The Houghton Lake Public Library Board of Trustees passed a resolution at the November 20th Board meeting regarding their support of the Promise Zone designation and directed me to provide this letter on their behalf. The Board looks forward to opportunities that could develop from the Promise Zone designation and agrees that strong partnerships ensure success.

The Houghton Lake Public Library's mission is to provide "informational, educational, recreational and aesthetic resources to the residents of the Houghton Lake Community School District." Our goals closely align with the mission of the Northern Transformation organization. The library offers services, programs, and a collection of 49,000+ items in various formats (books, audio books, music CDs, DVDs, videos, magazines, newspapers, and large print materials). The library also offers free Internet access (including wireless), interlibrary loan through MeLCat (statewide borrowing system), reserves on materials, and online access (both in-house and remote) to reference databases and e-Books. Already working to improve the quality of life in our communities through various literacy programs and cultural activities, we welcome partners and projects with similar goals.

Sincerely,



Donna J. Alward, Library Director