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Dear Promise Zone Review Committee,

On behalf of Middle Michigan Development Corporation, the economic development organization for Clare and Isabella Counties, I would like to express my support, as a participating partner, in the Promise Zone application submitted by Northern Transformations.

As the economic development organization for Clare County, we have been involved in a multitude of projects that are designed to create jobs, support education and alleviate poverty. Middle Michigan Development Corporation has written a number of federal grant applications for projects such as road construction, industrial park development, downtown development projects, farm market projects, an incubator feasibility study and Asset Based Community Development. All of these grants have been for the growth and development of Clare County. MMDC will continue to work with federal agencies to fund projects in Clare County that will assist in reducing the poverty rates and increase the levels of education.

However, there is still plenty of work to be done. Clare County is one of the poorest counties in the State of Michigan and we have been working diligently to assist businesses in the county in their growth and development and assisting new companies in their start up process.

Should the region receive this Promise Zone designation, it will have a significant impact on our efforts to assist in job creation, development of educational programming, and elimination of poverty.

Please consider this application and know that Middle Michigan Development will continue to assist Clare County in its efforts to create jobs and eliminate poverty.

Sincerely,

Katherine Methner, Clare Director
Middle Michigan Development Corporation