



Ogemaw County Economic Development Corporation  
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Dear Promise Zone Committee;

As President, and pursuant to unanimous support from the Ogemaw County EDC Board at the Board meeting on 11/18/2013, please accept this letter of support evidencing the Ogemaw County EDC's support of the continued initiatives taken by Northern Transformation Corporation to not only further business and community development, but also support and develop existing businesses and pursue a Promise Zone initiative designation.

Portions of Ogemaw County are in areas of poverty level residence and could benefit greatly from grants to create job opportunities and a much better economic attitude. We believe the Promise Zone initiative will be a great start to further the communities and relieve a financial burden on our strained government coffers.

Working in conjunction with the MEDC, USDA, MSUE and many local agencies, our EDC has collaborated on projects in the area to continue economic development and stabilization, we have a close connection with Northern Transformation Corporation and operate under the same mission statement regarding economic and community development. We look very forward to working with the Promise Zone designee for the betterment of the residents and businesses in the area.

Respectfully,

Rick Benjamin

President, Ogemaw County EDC