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November 20, 2013

Northern Transformation Corporation
2839 S. M-76
West Branch, MI 48661

Re: Promise Zone Initiative

Attn: Mark Berdan

Dear Mr. Berdan:

On behalf of the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Office, we are pleased to enter into a cooperative partnership with Northern Transformation for the Promise Zone. This initiative will be a significant asset to our community as we seek ways to reduce crime and balance an insufficient budget. We will offer supportive assistance or information that is requested.

The Ogemaw County Sheriff's Office's goal is to be proactive in its policing and crime prevention. In the past few years, the crime rates have gone up. Most of our crimes are breaking and entering, assaults, domestic violence, drugs, and many others. Even though the crime rates have gone up, the Ogemaw Sheriff Deputy numbers have decreased due to budgets.

I believe with more job opportunities and Promise Zone support; this county can increase its efforts in becoming a productive and sustainable county for future generations.

We pledge our commitment in meeting the goals of the proposed project and agree to participate in the work of the collaborative as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Howie S. Hanft