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Dear Promise Zone Team:

Our region, Roscommon County, shares common values, interests and interrelationships with nearby counties. We realize that our well-being is reflective of the well-being of our community and region.

We are pleased to sign this letter of support for Northern Transformation's Promise Zone application. This designation will help create sustainable local businesses, job growth and improve our Quality of Life.

We are willing to invest in actions and programs that improve our quality of life. Many individuals from our area, particularly our young people, are moving to downstate or out-of-state to seek jobs, not only clearing out and further weakening our communities, but contributing to the growing pool of unemployed. We believe it is possible to reverse this trend.

Many County Departments such as Housing, Sheriff's office, Second Chance Academy and Juvenile Detention Center apply for Federal Grants but as they become harder to obtain this collaborative grant would help to alleviate the issues of high poverty, substandard housing, and reduce violent crime. The Roscommon County Board of Commissioners approved a motion in support to be a participating partner in the Promise Zone Grant Initiative that Northern Transformation is applying for. Roscommon County has collaborated with its regional partners in applying for previous grants.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Schneider".

Robert E. Schneider, Board Chairman