

## United States Senate

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The Honorable Shaun Donovan  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
415 7th St., SW  
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing in support of the Promise Zone Initiative Designation application being submitted by Northern Transformation in West Branch, Michigan.

Northern Transformation is the non-profit division of the Michigan Works! Region 7B Consortium serving six counties in Northeast Lower Michigan. Working in partnership with over 200 local agencies and organizations, Northern Transformation will use this designation to address the increasing rate of poverty in the region. During these challenging economic times it is important that our communities work together to remain strong and sustainable by creating jobs, increasing economic activity and improving education opportunities and overall quality of life.

I am impressed by the efforts of Northern Transformation to promote community revitalization. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow  
United States Senator

CC: Secretary Vilsack

