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Quentin L. Messer, Jr.
CEO, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913

Re: Letter of Support – Strategic Site Readiness Program (SSRP) Grant Request

Dear Director Messer,

I write in support of the City of Coopersville's request for \$17 million in Strategic Site Readiness Program (SSRP) assistance to advance critical public water infrastructure and strengthen long-term site readiness in the Ottawa County region.

The SSRP-backed improvements, including a new transmission main and increased water storage, are essential investments. These upgrades will strengthen potable water service, benefit residents, agriculture, and employers, and improve system reliability and resilience.

I recognize the importance of public infrastructure investments that pave the way for sustainable economic development in our local communities. While these improvements will support a major employer's growth, they also enhance the entire three-county region: Ottawa, Muskegon and Kent. By increasing water capacity and system redundancy, the project will unlock development potential for industrial parcels, support agriculture and food processing related industries, enable future housing development tied to workforce growth, and strengthen regional competitiveness along its route.

For small communities like Coopersville, upgrade costs exceed what local rates can cover. State participation through SSRP is essential to advancing this project in a fiscally responsible manner that benefits the broader public.

For these reasons, I support the approval of SSRP funding for Coopersville's infrastructure improvements. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Huizenga
State Senator, 30th District