

**Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance** 

March 22, 2017

The Honorable Jim Tedder, Chair House Committee on Tax Policy Post Office Box 30014 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

Dear Representative Tedder:

I am writing on behalf of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance to voice our formal support for the Transformational Brownfield Projects Legislation. The Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance represents business, education, health care, economic development, and community leaders from Bay, Isabella, Midland, and Saginaw counties, committed to economic vitality and quality of life initiatives. The four-county Great Lakes Bay Region is home to just over 450,000 people.

The Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance has developed a formal partnership with our 7 Economic Development Corporations across Prosperity Region 5. That partnership includes the Arenac EDC, Bay Future, Gladwin EDC, Greater Gratiot Development Inc., Middle Michigan Development Corporation, Midland Tomorrow, and Saginaw Future.

The role of the Alliance is to lead our broad Business Attraction efforts. Our ability to offer competitive incentives for major projects will be vitally important to our success in the years ahead. The Transformational Brownfield Projects Legislation offers the opportunity for both urban and rural communities to benefit in a meaningful manner.

Thank you for your consideration Chairman Tedder.

Best Regards,

Matthew Felan President & CEO

Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance

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