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Kris Brady, Director
Technical Assistance Center
Michigan Infrastructure Office

Re: Melrose Township, Charlevoix County Michigan Request to Michigan Infrastructure Office Technical Assistance Center Pre-Development Accelerator Pilot Grant Program

Dear Kris Brady:

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for Melrose Township's application for the Pre-Development Accelerator Pilot Grant to advance critical community sanitary infrastructure planning. Melrose Township, which encompasses a substantial portion of Walloon Lake in Charlevoix County, seeks to undertake a comprehensive public communication and engagement campaign to build understanding of—and support for—a proposed sanitary sewer system serving properties in the Walloon Lake area.

The Township is currently in discussions with the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding a potential loan to finance construction of the sewer system. To ensure transparency, community readiness, and informed decision-making, Melrose Township intends to implement a factual, accessible, and tactful communication process. This grant would directly support outreach efforts designed to provide residents and property owners with accurate information, answer questions, and clarify the long-term benefits of modernized sanitary infrastructure.

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance strongly supports this initiative. Infrastructure expansion and modernization are foundational to sustainable economic development. Reliable sanitary systems help protect environmental assets such as Walloon Lake, safeguard public health, and reduce long-term utility and maintenance costs. They also create conditions that enable new investment, support housing development, strengthen local business growth, and enhance overall community resilience.



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By advancing this project, Melrose Township is taking proactive steps that will yield substantial economic, environmental, and quality-of-life benefits for the region.

We encourage favorable consideration of this application and view the proposed communication effort as an essential precursor to a well-planned, community-supported infrastructure project.

Please feel free to contact the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance should you require additional information or clarification regarding this letter of support.

Respectfully:

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