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RE: SmartZone Initiative

Dear Chairperson Holtrop, Mayor Dykstra and Supervisor Nienhuis:

On behalf of the Lakeshore Advantage Board of Directors, the economic development organization serving Ottawa County, I would like to express our unanimous support for the creation of a satellite SmartZone in partnership with the Grand Rapids SmartZone.

We have completed a comprehensive review of the requirements and benefits of creating a satellite SmartZone and believe it will be a significant benefit to the growth of new ventures and innovation in our community.

As the SmartZone initiative will be a collaboration between the City of Holland, Holland Charter Township and Ottawa County, we further encourage our elected and appointed officials in those jurisdictions to work together, along with Lakeshore Advantage, to achieve this worthy goal. Your communities' initial receptiveness to community collaboration around this new initiative deserves to be commended.

We encourage you to act swiftly in moving forward with approval.

Respectfully,

Scot Lindemann
Chairperson
Lakeshore Advantage Board of Directors

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