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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau (GACC) in full support of the Marshall Megasite project due to this unique economic opportunity for job creation and investment within the Marshall community, region and beyond. The GACC recognizes that a new major manufacturing development will have the following benefits:

- Stimulate massive economic growth in our region by providing high-quality, good paying jobs with fringe benefits for thousands, boosting property values, and generating new tax revenues.
- For every new job created in this development, at least two to three additional jobs are created in the supply chain as a result of the spin-off impacts of the investment. These jobs are not replacing other jobs in Michigan's economy but are net new jobs to the region.
- Studies of similar investments in Michigan and other states have shown that these megasite development opportunities generate billions of dollars of new personal income from the direct, indirect, and induced jobs being created over a 20-year timeframe.
- The new personal incomes generated will drive a new economic engine for our community that will pump millions of dollars into local small businesses like restaurants, grocery stores, hardware stores, shops and other small businesses.

The GACC works to bring individuals into our community as well as engage our current residents and business owners. Albion, Michigan is a source of scenic natural beauty where the rich, diverse history of the past meets the dynamic, vibrant growth of the future. Albion is a friendly place of shared memories where people come together to live, work and play. The GACC is the local voice for and of businesses. It exists to develop and express business opinion and to promote the best interests of the community along civic, commercial, industrial and professional lines. It facilitates the growth of existing businesses and fosters new ones.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the GACC's Board of Directors at 517.629.5533.

Sincerely,

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Billy Beers

President | CEO

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Board of Directors
Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

January 23, 2023

Dear Honorable Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Board of Trustees,

My name is Mike Nofs, and I proudly served southwest Michigan, including Calhoun, Barry Jackson and Ionia counties, in both houses of the Michigan Legislature from 2003 to 2018. I also served on the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 10 years, from 1993 to 2003 including five years as chairman of the board.

From time to time over those years the County of Calhoun and the State of Michigan have worked very hard on setting up this property for development. For various reasons and timing over all these years we were not successful, However, we never gave up on promoting this very special piece of property. I would urge you to seriously support the 425 land transfers and the ongoing development of this Marshall Mega site. This project is critically important to our region in terms of jobs, investment and opportunities for everyone in this region. We need to send a clear message that we are open for business, and we want these jobs and opportunities right here in our place of Southwest Michigan.

The Marshall area is a true gem for everyone living in this area. But let's be honest in looking at this opportunity. I remember when I was Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and the Casino idea was being considered by the board at that time. A lot of individuals in the Marshall area were against the idea. We heard of all the bad predictions if we supported that development. We listened but in the end we knew the jobs and economic development would be good for our County. So, looking at the outcome of that development, the casino has been a positive experience. It helps all generations of workers in the area find new jobs. It has helped our schools with resources to do great things for our kids. Look at our local governments and how it has helped them.

Over the past few decades, we have lost major job providers in the area. We have lost around 2,000 jobs over the past 20 years with the closing of Eaton Corporation and State Farm. The Marshall Mega site is essential to turning around this trend.

The Mega site will create about 2,000 to 3,000 new high-paying career jobs. These workers mean more money going into our local small businesses, the backbone of our community. The investment that comes along with such a major development also will mean more funding for roads and infrastructure as well as schools, police and fire.

This project will create opportunities for young people, so they won't have to move away from their hometown and their families to find good-paying jobs. It's a win-win project for this area that many call home. This development will give so many hope in making many things possible in their lives and our great unique community.

As our local leaders, you must do everything you can to prevent us from losing this incredible opportunity. I know it is a tough decision but that is why you were elected to be the leaders we depend on to keep this community moving forward.

I strongly urge you to vote to support the 425 land transfers and the ongoing development of this Mega site.

Good luck with your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Nofs".

Michael Nofs
Former State Senator

Marshall Township Board,

My name is Steve Frisbie, a Calhoun County Commissioner. I am writing to urge you to strongly support the 425 land transfers. This is a critically important step forward in the development of the Marshall Megasite, a once-in-a-generation opportunity that our area cannot afford to lose. As you well know, the project has been underway for several years. The publicly conducted actions taken in the past several years by the City of Marshall, Marshall Township, and Calhoun County were designed to bring us to the cusp of a significant development. Please continue on that pathway!

We know first-hand the kind of job loss experienced in this region over the past 20 years. The Marshall area has lost around 2,000 jobs with the departures of State Farm and the Eaton Corporation. Developing the Marshall Megasite is crucial to reversing that trend and bringing jobs back here for immediate and long-term term. These are high tech and well-paying Jobs that our children, grandchildren, and beyond will have available. The Marshall Megasite project will help spur a new talent pipeline, giving young people the skills and training needed for a high-paying job right here in our region. Far too often our young talent is forced to move out of the area, leaving their hometowns – and friends and families – in search of a good paying job. The Marshall Megasite project will help stop that trend and will continue to pay dividends for years into the future.

An estimated 2,000 to 3,000 new high-paying manufacturing jobs will be created by developing the Marshall Megasite. That will also mean millions of dollars spent at local small businesses, including restaurants, grocery stores, hardware stores and retailers. This project also will be a magnet for new capital investment for roads and infrastructure as well new tax revenues, providing funding for schools, police and fire.

I understand the fear of losing the small town atmosphere in Marshall as the group who opposes this espouses. I don't agree with their projections. The reality is the Megasite workforce will live in many areas in and surrounding Calhoun County. Marshall's vibrant downtown has routinely changed over the past several years to meet the needs and demands of the local population. Another reality is when State Farm and Eaton jobs were in place, Marshall remained Marshall; a smaller town feel with many more businesses to support the local population. A region standing still will watch themselves become irrelevant and fade into the past.

This kind of opportunity does not come along often, and it is critical our area officials do everything they can to make sure it happens here.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to vote to support the 425 land transfers, an essential step forward in the ongoing development of the Marshall Megasite.

Respectfully ,

Steve Frisbie

Calhoun County Commissioner, 4th District