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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I commend the Urban Entrepreneur Partnership (UEP) Detroit 150, a program of the Kauffman Foundation, for its ongoing commitment to our efforts to revitalize and reinvent Michigan.

I'm grateful to Kauffman, a \$2 billion private foundation known as the world leader in entrepreneurship, for bringing its expertise to Southeast Michigan. By partnering with the New Economic Initiative consortium, the UEP Detroit 150 is assisting 150 high-growth businesses through business education and coaching as they diversify operations to seize opportunities in new industries.

The UEP's proven results and measurable outcomes have encouraged the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council to estimate the program can help retain or create approximately 15,000-20,000 jobs. This level of quantifiable business performance offers a valuable boost as we work to return Michigan to economic health and top financial performance, not only for this generation, but for the Michigan of the future.

Sincerely,


Dave Bing
Mayor