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Lansing City Council  
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Lansing City Council,

On behalf of our combined organizations, we are writing regarding the upcoming 2024 agenda and the incredible opportunities that lie ahead, specifically, the state dollars that were secured for the city of Lansing.

Downtown Lansing's growth is important to the region's growth and an imperative signal of success and prosperity throughout the city itself, its neighborhoods, and corridors. Recognizing the critical role a thriving downtown plays in positioning our region for future growth, more than a dozen regional and statewide organizations united to champion the Capital Region Improvement Support Package, a comprehensive plan addressing various facets, including support for small businesses and communities, workforce development and job creation, infrastructure enhancement, social services and housing support. The successful collaboration

culminated in securing over \$250 million in state funds for our region, with a substantial allocation earmarked for the city of Lansing.

While we applaud the progress achieved thus far, we respectfully encourage the Lansing City Council to build upon this momentum by accepting the state funds allocated for the city of Lansing. The projects supported by these funds are poised to make a tangible difference in the transformation of our city. Your decisive actions in accepting these state funding dollars will not only demonstrate your commitment to our community's growth but will also establish a vision and direction for not only Lansing but for the region as well.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to building on our strong collaboration and working closely with you in Lansing's future growth and success!

Sincerely,

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