



FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

March 6, 2025

Alpena County Board of Commissioners
720 W. Chisholm Street, Suite #7
Alpena, MI 49707

Re: Funding for Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority
(NMMMA) Regional Recycling Facility

To Whom it May Concern:

Eighty-one years ago, Jesse and Anna Besser made commitments when they formed their foundation. Their vision focused financial support in areas leading to the betterment of Alpena's social, educational, economic, spiritual, and environmental sectors. With that in mind I am writing to indicate our full support for the NMMMA's efforts to bring high quality recycling resources to the region.

We evaluate proposals based on how they impact the economic conditions of our community and how they meet the core expectations of our vision. Realistically, potential outcomes of this new facility will impact Alpena County but also have positive consequences for our other regional partners. Finally, successful organization and implementation will support Michigan's goal of achieving a 45% recycling rate and will establish Northeast Michigan as a leader in rural recycling solutions.

Today protecting our natural resources is a necessity and organized recycling will help remove unnecessary waste in a safe, efficient and economically viable manner. Keeping our communities pristine clean will entice tourism, spur natural growth and, in general, make living conditions better for all.

Economically, the project will bring significant new construction dollars to build the center. Once completed there will be new full-time employment opportunities, recoverable materials will generate revenue and provide material resources for manufacturing and there will be savings for individual disposal costs.

NMMMA has put together a comprehensive financial package including federal, private and corporate support to fund the project. Included in that



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collaboration package is an approved Besser Foundation grant in the amount of \$50,000. We believe the NMMMA has proceeded with due caution, planned the design and development carefully and have proposed a viable operational model. Accordingly, we recommend Alpena County support the recycling effort with its full faith and credit.

Sincerely,
BESSER FOUNDATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Dawley".

Gary Dawley
Secretary/Treasurer/Manager

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