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Re: Funding for Regional Recycling Facility-Alpena

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing today for your help in closing the final funding gap for the construction of a new recycling facility that will serve the counties of Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda, Alcona, and Presque Isle. The Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority (NMMMA) has been formed to provide much needed recycling services to the region, which is the first of its kind achievement in Northeast Michigan.

Approximately \$1M is still needed to close the funding gap on this \$6M project that will create jobs and support the communities of Northeast Michigan in meeting their materials management and climate goals. We are looking for final funding to complete this project that is currently supported by State and Federal grants, private impact investing, and corporate partners.

Alpena County's current facility lacks the processing capacity to meet today's recycling demand, resulting in high transportation costs, making recycling cost prohibitive for many communities. The new regional facility will solve capacity issues at the current MRF and extend processing to Northeast Michigan counties that do not have adequate access to recycling services. Additionally, the new MRF will serve as a model for rural recycling throughout Michigan and the United States.

Highlights of the planned facility include:

- Supporting local communities in reaching their recycling goals of 45% by 2030
- Furthering the state of Michigan's greenhouse emissions reductions goals
- Create new jobs in recycling collection, material processing, and manufacturing
- Provide savings to local communities through \$150,000 per year in avoided landfill costs
- Benefit Michigan manufacturers by providing valuable commodities to make new products

In closing, this project is shovel-ready, but also subject to deadlines. Since Federal funding cannot be released until this funding gap is closed, it is critical that we find a funding solution. We are reaching out to you for any strategic help you can provide in identifying or securing the funding that remains the last major hurdle in bringing a great project to the residents of Northeast Michigan.

Sincerely,