



LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER

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The Honorable Deborah Stabenow  
State of Michigan  
Washington DC Office  
731 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2204

March 16, 2023

Dear Senator Stabenow,

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Lansing School District's proposal for the Community Project funding to fund blight removal and placemaking for Lansing's community.

The Lansing School District's (District) proposed project will advance placemaking in the City of Lansing through acquiring outdoor recreation equipment at seven of its schools and a new community center located in a previous school building. This community space will serve as a meeting space of the City's neighborhoods and growing entrepreneurial sector. In addition to providing additional community resources and improvements to this public space, the district is seeking funding for blight removal at two of its schools.

This blight removal of two deteriorated external buildings will provide a safer environment for the surrounding neighborhood and Lansing's students. The two identified blighted, external structures are located outside of two different school buildings and pose a risk to students and neighboring children. The removal of these structures will assist removing urban blight and ensure a safe environment for our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Daman  
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Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce