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Mr. Stallworth:

Re: Letter of Support – Michigan Freedom Campus – Former Kirtland Community College Campus

On behalf of Kirtland Community College, I am pleased to express our support for the proposed redevelopment of the College's former Roscommon campus into the Michigan Freedom Campus, an initiative focused on substance use disorder treatment and recovery, veteran housing and supportive services, and workforce development.

The former Kirtland campus served this region for decades as a center for education, workforce training, and community development. The Michigan Freedom Campus presents an opportunity to give this important property a new purpose while continuing that tradition of service to Northern Michigan.

The proposed campus would bring together behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment, recovery housing, dedicated veteran housing, emergency placement capacity, permanent supportive housing, workforce training, and employment opportunities within a single coordinated environment.

We are particularly encouraged by the project's emphasis on connecting recovery and housing stability with education, skills development, and employment. Creating pathways that allow individuals to move from treatment and recovery into training and sustainable employment can provide meaningful long-term benefits to individuals, families, and communities throughout Michigan.

The veteran component of the Michigan Freedom Campus also represents an important opportunity to provide veterans experiencing substance use disorder, behavioral health challenges, homelessness, or housing instability with access to appropriate housing and supportive services while creating pathways toward greater independence.

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Kirtland Community College welcomes opportunities to explore how education and workforce-development resources can complement the mission of the Michigan Freedom Campus as the project develops.

The redevelopment of the former campus represents a significant opportunity to return an important regional asset to productive use while addressing critical needs in behavioral health, recovery, veteran services, housing, and workforce development.

Kirtland Community College supports the vision for the Michigan Freedom Campus and encourages the State of Michigan to give this initiative and its request for opioid settlement funding strong consideration.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions and/ or concerns,

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