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Michigan Strategic Fund Board
Michigan Economic Development Corporation
300 North Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913

Support for the U-M and Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Facility in
Washtenaw County

Dear Members of the Michigan Strategic Fund Board,

On behalf of Ann Arbor SPARK, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the establishment of a groundbreaking research facility in Washtenaw County, a collaboration between the University of Michigan (U-M) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). This initiative aligns with our mission to advance economic growth and innovation in Southeast Michigan, and we believe it will serve as a transformative asset for the region and the state.

By enabling collaboration between LANL researchers, U-M faculty, and students, the project will drive advancements in fields like AI, advanced materials, and energy solutions, while addressing global challenges such as climate change and national security.

The development of this facility at the strategically selected site in Ypsilanti Township showcases the region's ability to attract and support high-impact projects. Ann Arbor SPARK was proud to provide key assistance in the site selection process, ensuring the project's alignment with regional resources and infrastructure. This initiative exemplifies the strength of public-private-academic partnerships and demonstrates our community's readiness to support cutting-edge research and innovation.

Beyond the immediate research benefits, the facility promises to bring substantial economic and educational opportunities to Michigan. It will catalyze job creation, workforce development, and the growth of small businesses while expanding the state's AI and high-tech ecosystem.

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We strongly believe that this project deserves the full support of the Michigan Strategic Fund Board. It represents a critical investment in Michigan's future as a global leader in AI and advanced computing, while also enhancing the region's ability to attract and retain talent and fostering meaningful collaborations across industries and academia.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. We look forward to working alongside U-M, LANL, and state and local stakeholders to ensure the success of this transformative initiative.

Sincerely,



Paul Krutko

President and CEO

Ann Arbor SPARK

