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Members of the Michigan House Economic Competitiveness Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Robinson,

I am writing on behalf of the Capital Area Startup Studio to express strong support for House Bill 5031. This legislation represents an important step forward in strengthening Michigan's ability to grow high-technology businesses.

HB 5031 updates the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act to expand and clarify the tools available to local development financing authorities. Specifically, allowing existing SmartZones to extend their tax capture for an additional 15 years. These changes will help communities like ours support job creation and accelerate Michigan's leadership in technology-driven industries.

In our region, Lansing, this bill provides essential support for leveraging existing assets and catalyzing new economic opportunities. The bill also includes appropriate definitions and safeguards to ensure that tax increment capture is tied to meaningful and measurable public benefit.

We urge your support for HB 5031 and encourage its passage in the Michigan Legislature. Its impact will be significant for communities seeking to grow in innovative and future-facing sectors. Thank you for your leadership and consideration. We welcome the opportunity to discuss how HB 5031 can support economic development in our area.

Sincerely,



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