

March 13, 2019

Mr. David Wilhoit, President & CEO
Wacker Chemical
3301 Sutton Road
Adrian, MI 49221

RE: Letter of Support – Wacker Chemical Expansion

Dear Mr. Wilhoit,

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has been pleased to work closely with you on your potential expansion in Pittsfield Township. The potential investment of \$68 million in a new North American headquarters and R&D center, that will create over 90 jobs and retain over 200 positions will make a significant impact to the region. With 73% of Ann Arbor residents having earned a bachelor's degree or higher, Ann Arbor is the ideal location for your North American headquarters and R&D center expansion.

This project is important to the state's economic development strategy with the significant number of high-tech, high-wage jobs being created and retained. Wacker has been an outstanding business partner in the Adrian community for decades and recently expanded to Ann Arbor (Scio Township) in recent years. In addition to operating its silicone production manufacturing plant in Raisin Township, Wacker employees have served as volunteers on the Wildlife Habitat Team since 1999 that helps preserve and promote critical natural assets on the site's 240 acres. This is a prime example of the dedication that Wacker employees have to nature and their community.

The establishment of a permanent site in Pittsfield Township for Wacker's North American headquarters and expanded R&D center will allow the company to continue to make a positive impact in Michigan. I wanted to personally show my support of your planned expansion in Michigan.

Sincerely,



Jeff Mason
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Ryan Hundt, Business Development Manager, MEDC