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Pittsfield Charter Township
6201 W. Michigan Ave.
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

Dear Board of Trustees,

Ann Arbor SPARK strongly supports Wacker's new North American Headquarters and Research and Development Innovation Center in Pittsfield Township.

Wacker's proposed building site is located within the Avis Farms South Business Park, adjacent to the Thomson Reuters' facility along the State Street Corridor. This new facility would make Wacker one of the largest private employers in Pittsfield and would serve as an important R&D headquarter anchor.

As you know, Pittsfield Township is home to over 7,300 office, R&D and knowledge-based jobs and dozens of R&D and development centers. These qualities make it one of the leading communities in Michigan for research, a testament to the commitment to higher education by Pittsfield Township and the overall region.

The proposed facility is the highest and best use for the site. Prior to Wacker's purchase of this site, it had been vacant for more than a decade. The proposed headquarters building will bring over 300 new high-paying jobs to Pittsfield, with over \$60 million will be invested in the facility and surrounding area.

Our economic impact analysis indicates that this project will generate millions of dollars of tax revenue for the Township, the County and the school district. In addition, the location of this project in Pittsfield Township will create new jobs.

We appreciate the significant work that the Township Staff, Planning Commission and company have made to ensure that this project fits within the character of our community. We hope this project can win your support through this process.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or want to discuss this important project.

Sincerely,

Paul Krutko FM HLM
President and Chief Executive Officer
Ann Arbor SPARK

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