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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is written in support of the Partridge Creek Farm and its mission of providing local access to fresh produce, building a healthy community and promoting education of sustainable food systems.

Northern Michigan University is especially excited about the opportunities Dan Perkins, chair of the organization, and his team have presented for NMU students and faculty across a wide array of academic areas, including biology, chemistry, education, English-grant writing, environmental studies, marketing, public relations, public administration and others. With the Partridge Creek Farm program there is tremendous potential for collaborative learning, leading and research.

Having Northern students, faculty and staff involved in various facets of the Partridge Creek Farm supports all seven of our university's core values – community, opportunity, rigor, environment, inclusion, connection and innovation – and our strategic plan goal of expanding partnerships. Over the years, our students have expressed a strong interest in environmental and sustainability issues, education and engagement opportunities. We know many of them will be inspired by the project and motivated to participate in ways that go beyond the requirements of their classroom learning.

The Northern Michigan University community looks forward to watching the success of the Partridge Creek Farm grow as the project matures and expands, and assisting in achieving that success in a multitude of ways.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fritz J. Erickson".

Fritz J. Erickson
President

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