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Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Wisconsin is excited to embrace Opportunity Zones as a new tool to build on our track record of economic growth. Right now, more people are employed in our state than ever before in history. Wisconsin is at near record lows for unemployment. We cut taxes by some \$8 billion. *Chief Executive Magazine* recently recognized us as a top-ten state for business. And since I took office, we have balanced our budget and ended each year with a surplus.

But a state whose motto is “Forward” is never content to rest on its success. We are grateful to my good friend Speaker Paul Ryan for his work ensuring Opportunity Zones were included in the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017. We plan to make the most of this new tool to attract additional investment and jobs to our state.

After a thorough review process, we are pleased to submit the designations for Opportunity Zones for your review and certification. This process included an in-depth study by a nationally respected consulting firm, broad engagement with local and economic leaders, and neutral criteria selected by an interagency working group. These designations reach communities across our state—urban, rural, and tribal—that are best positioned for strong and sustained growth.

We are excited to use as another tool to continue moving Wisconsin forward.

Sincerely,

SCOTT WALKER
Governor