



Romaine Robert Quinn

STATE SENATOR • 25TH SENATE DISTRICT

April 4, 2025

Governor Tony Evers
Office of the Governor
115 East – State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Governor Evers,

As State Senator from Wisconsin's 25th Senate District, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Douglas County to be designated as a HUBZone under the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Historically Underutilized Business Zone Program.

This designation will provide significant economic opportunities throughout the Northwoods, not just in Douglas County. Fraser Shipyards alone employs hundreds of individuals at peak winter operations; however, their year-round employment is impacted by the availability of federal contracts. With a HUBZone designation, they and other local businesses would be able to compete for set-aside federal contracts, and in turn, provide more constant employment or even expand it. This stability creates a better economic condition for the region.

This request has strong support from Douglas County, the City of Superior, Douglas County Development Association, and other public and private sector stakeholders, who all understand the economic impact of winning more federal contracts. That is why I ask that you request that the U.S. Small Business Administration designate Douglas County as a HUBZone, as you recently did for Marinette County.

I wholly support this designation as it will be a game-changer for northern Wisconsin, and appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Romaine Robert Quinn".

Romaine Robert Quinn
State Senator
Wisconsin's 25th Senate District