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Dear Mayor Strazdas,

I would like to convince you that Portage is a great city to live in. scratch that, Portage is a dream city. The rest of this letter will convince you Portage really *is* a dream city.

First of all Portage has great public safety such as firefighters, policemen, and medics. All of these people are caring for our city, policemen even came to our school and gave pencils, stickers, and fingerprint kits to all of the kids who were at STEM night at Lake Center. All of the jobs take courage so I am really thankful for all of our public safety.

There are also entertaining parks such as Schrier park which has trails and a neat playground. I remember, when I was in third grade, I got to vote for the design of Schrier park. And, let's admit it, even grownups can have fun on some of the playgrounds. Some of the parks even have wooded areas that everybody thinks are supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

And last but not least of all of the great things about Portage is the amazing (drumroll please) light display! The light display is so beautiful and bright that everybody throughout town can see it! The mayor is also so kind to let us kids (hint hint) flip the switch to have everybody in town has a chance to see it. The light display is also the reason I'm doing this, even though I probably won't be able to win because i'm sure there are better letters than mine.

I love Portage because it is a special place but just imagine if Portage wasn't a city. Instead it was an extension to Kalamazoo. Would we stay in the new extension to Kalamazoo or not?

Sincerely,
Andrew Funk