

The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and its musicians serve as the prominent leaders of our arts community. Your shared leadership is a critical piece of an arts and culture sector that brings 5.5 million visitors to Saint Paul each year. Those visitors, along with the thousands of people employed by arts and culture organizations, are an economic engine that not only brings \$330 million of annual economic activity, but fills our cafés and restaurants. This vitality and sense of identity is critical to the competitive advantage of Saint Paul now and in the future. In an era of new financial realities, it is especially important that we all do our part to keep this great city moving forward.

I am confident there is a way for you to reach a fair agreement that gets workers back to work and keeps the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and Saint Paul moving forward. If I can be of any assistance in this process please let me know. I look forward to resolving this issue in the best Saint Paul tradition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Coleman", written in a cursive style.

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor