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Judith Rodin
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420 Fifth Avenue
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RE: The City of Saint Paul's 100 Resilient Cities application

Dear Ms. Rodin,

On behalf of the City of Saint Paul, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Saint Paul's application to The Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge.

For the last eight years as Mayor, I have led the city's efforts to combat one of the world's greatest challenges – climate change. The City of Saint Paul and our partners have been proactive in protecting our air, water, and urban landscape. We have focused our efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by improving energy efficiency in municipal, residential and commercial facilities; increasing the use of clean and renewable energy; improving transportation options for our community; and reinvigorating recycling and minimizing waste.

The city is committed to partnering with utilities, businesses, nonprofit and community-based organizations to develop and implement a city-wide resiliency plan. The city pledges to continue to work at the regional, national and international to further reduce GHG emissions and to create strategies to better adapt to the changing climate. Your support will help us take the next steps and increase our efforts to build a more resilient community.

This November, I will become the President of the National League of Cities (NLC) and intend to champion NLC's Resilient Communities for America campaign. In that position, I will collaborate with others to increase visibility and awareness of climate change adaptation strategies and help create more resilient communities.

If you need additional information about the grant application, please contact Anne Hunt, Environmental Policy Director, at (651) 266-8520 or anne.hunt@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Let me thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Your support will expand our efforts significantly.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor