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Dear Minnesota Department of Commerce Staff:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of The Weidt Group's "Assessments of Plug-Load Control Devices in Commercial Buildings" proposal in response to the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources' solicitation for the Conservation Applied Research and Development Grant Program.

The City of Saint Paul is committed to helping its residents and businesses reduce energy consumption and the associated costs. The City has also implemented over 100 energy efficiency projects in 60 municipal facilities, reducing its energy use by 30 percent. However, increasing plug loads still present a challenge; therefore, I support this team's efforts to assess the effectiveness of plug-load control devices. I believe their work will be an effective use of grant funds and that what is learned during this process will be helpful to the City's efforts to cost-effectively meet its energy savings objectives.

Furthermore, the City of Saint Paul partners with The Weidt Group regularly and believes this team will successfully execute the project and deliver results that will help maximize savings potential in this area over the next several years. The City lends its support to the efforts to undertake this project.

If you need additional information, please contact my Environmental Policy Director, Anne Hunt, at 651.266.8520 or anne.hunt@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor