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Mr. Jeff Finkle
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Dear Mr. Finkle,

As Mayor of the City of Saint Paul and a Board Member of GREATER MSP, I am submitting this letter of support for GREATER MSP's application to become an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) by the International Economic Development Council.

Prior to the creation of the GREATER MSP five years ago, there was no primary point of contact for domestic and international businesses looking to locate or expand in the Minneapolis Saint Paul region. Today, the Partnership has made great strides in telling Greater MSP's story to the world, expanding capital investment and job growth in the region, launching the Make It. MSP. talent initiative, and working to take our sectors of strength from great to greater on the global stage. GREATER MSP offers site location assistance and other mission-critical business development services to companies planning new or expanded facilities in the 16-county region.

I was one of the region's leaders aggressively calling for the formation of GREATER MSP, and I, along with my colleagues, remain a strong supporter of GREATER MSP. The Partnership brings together public, private, and nonprofit leaders from across the region to work in concert to ensure strong economic growth, and prosperity for all residents of our region.

I strongly support the AEDO designation for GREATER MSP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor