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Dear Friends,

I feel terrible that I cannot join you tonight at my fundraiser for Diane. Yesterday I received treatment at the Mayo Clinic for a torn hip muscle, which has bothered me for the past few months. Unfortunately, I am not allowed to put any weight on the hip or leg for the first 48 hours.

If I could be with you, I would expound on all the reasons I am supporting Diane's re-election, a few of which appear in the following letter:

Over the last dozen years, most of them as a Minneapolis resident, I've worked with Diane Hofstede on a number of issues. What I have seen is her public service of honesty, integrity, boundless energy, and a fierce dedication to the needs of the people and neighborhoods she represents. This is why she has earned my wholehearted support for re-election to the Minneapolis City Council.

I know very well how relentlessly Diane worked during the mortgage foreclosure crisis, and how she has led the fight against the invasive species, like Asian Carp, that threaten our Mississippi River. We all know her tireless role in getting the downtown library built and the Plymouth Avenue Bridge fixed. And of course, she gave critical support to the Vikings Stadium, which will bring over \$1B in new economic development to the city and region, and most importantly, thousands of construction and career jobs for the citizens of Minneapolis and our state.

Diane has a proven track record in fiscal management, and has helped the city achieve an AAA bond rating from all three bond houses. Her environmental record is stellar—focusing on waste reduction, single-sort recycling, and environmental clean-up. And she has spent countless hours helping make Minneapolis city government more responsive to the needs of people.

Above all, Diane has had a lifetime unequivocal commitment to equality and human rights. She is an excellent, caring representative of all people in the Third Ward. Please join me in supporting Diane Hofstede.

Sincerely,

Mark Dayton  
Governor