

January 20, 2023

Dear Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee members:

We chaired the Governor’s Council on Economic Expansion, for which Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner Steve Grove was a lead commissioner partnering on that work. His collaboration and vision with the Council was essential to our report and the roadmap we created for the state. Steve was thoughtful, engaged and committed to issues of equity. He was passionate about our economy and brought both expertise and numerous ideas to the table.

Additionally, Steve has led DEED through the most tumultuous four years in Minnesota’s economy. In particular, he worked tirelessly with many stakeholders to help Minnesota achieve a better economic outcome – along with a better health outcome – than many other states during the COVID-19 crisis.

We’re thrilled to support Steve’s re-appointment. Minnesota will be well-served by his leadership.

Sincerely,



Paul Williams  
President & CEO  
Project for Pride in Living (PPL)



Jeff Ettinger  
Current Chair of Hormel Foundation  
Former Chairman of the Board and CEO, Hormel

