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Dear Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee members:

I'm writing to express my support for the re-appointment of DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. I've had the privilege to work closely with Steve and members of his agency on our expansion plans. He's made multiple visits to Thief River Falls to meet with our team. Steve's high tech, industry background serves him well and he understands that business represent a key foundational element to Minnesota's continued success.

I was impressed when Steve reached out to me and a diverse group of leaders to serve on an Economic Security Advisory Committee to share advice during the pandemic. His openness and sincerity in hearing from the business community was essential to the state's response to COVID. He sincerely listened to us and incorporated our feedback in order to implement a thoughtful approach to mitigating the pandemic and helping businesses initially survive and then quickly shift to support different pressures of a thriving economy.

Steve understands the complex issues facing our economy and businesses and brings great energy and expertise to the role. I am pleased to share my support of his re-appointment as Commissioner of DEED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Doherty".

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