

January 19, 2004

The Honorable Randy Kelly
390 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mayor Kelly,

I was first approached to consider being part of a group returning the NHL to Minnesota in 1996. It was a crazy idea, but it became the centerpiece of Mayor Norm Coleman's dream for the city of Saint Paul. It then emerged as a banner, around which everyone rallied. None of us could have realize at the time, the impact it would have on the whole state.

I am proud of what we have built for the State of Hockey. I am grateful for the team of 4,018,000, without whose support and loyalty we would not exist. Imagine what has happened since we received the franchise on June 25,1997. It is miraculous!

Opening Night was a result of commitment, courage, and planning, i.e. good hockey sight lines and a plentiful number of women's restrooms! We could not have accomplished the task for our fans without a private-public partnership, which included the team, the City of Saint Paul, the State of Minnesota, and our friends in labor and the business community. Partnerships are long term. We have a long-term partnership, which included the financing and construction of the Xcel Energy Center.

From personal experience, we believe there is a similar opportunity for the Twins in Saint Paul: a Mayor who has a dream, a council committed to continually developing the sport's venue potential in the City, a can-do business and labor atmosphere, and fans on both sides of the River who have discovered and adopted the Capitol City as a place where dreams come true.

Good Partnerships exist only when partners have a common goal, a vision, and a winning attitude. A winning attitude precedes a winning record, leading to a winning tradition. The City and the Twins have those ingredients. As my wife says, "Let the cake bake."

When you put the fan first, great things happen. I know those great things will happen for the Twins and their fans in a new Saint Paul home. We welcome them to the neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Bob Naegele, Jr.
Chairman