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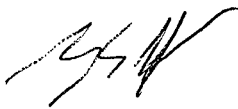
Dear Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the City of Northfield's application for the Minnesota Department of Commerce Geothermal Planning Grant Program. As City Administrator for the City of Northfield, I have had the opportunity to witness firsthand the City of Northfield's unwavering commitment to sustainability and renewable energy initiatives.

Northfield has integrated renewable energy goals into its policies and strategic plans. This includes the adoption of the Climate Action Plan in 2019 supporting the transition to renewable energy and setting ambitious targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The City recognizes its role in reducing its impact on climate change and has set ambitious goals to receive 100% of its electricity from carbon free sources by 2030 and to be carbon free by 2040.

The City of Northfield's proactive efforts and thorough preparation demonstrate its strong commitment to the Geothermal Planning Grant Program. I am confident that this grant will greatly advance Northfield's renewable energy goals and inspire other communities across Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration.



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