

This message is transmitted on behalf of Mayors Jo Emerson, Myron Bailey, Mary McComber and Paul Reinke

Dear Mayor,

Hope you and your family are well during these unusual and extraordinary times.

The reason we are writing, is to see if you would have an interest in joining us for a virtual meeting to discuss an idea that we think has merit.

A few of us have been discussing the idea of establishing an East Metro Mayors Association. We believe we could be more effective at the Federal, State and Metro level if we spoke with one, unified voice. The West and North Metro communities are more organized and seem to do fairly well when seeking resources and results. Our East Metro region is growing with many needs. We believe being better organized will help us articulate those needs and ensure we get a fair shake.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has also made it more clear than ever that we must come together collectively in order to secure Federal and State support to combat this significant threat to public health, and the ensuing economic downturn as well.

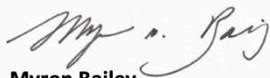
Attached are some draft concept materials to give you a sense of the potential policy successes this organization could deliver for our region. We would like to formally invite you to a virtual meeting on **September 15th at 8:30 AM** to gauge your interest and discuss further.

We are pleased to announce that Senator Amy Klobuchar will also be joining us to provide a federal update and to discuss the shared priorities of the East Metro region.

We sincerely hope you can join us. To RSVP, please call Jake Blum at 612-978-0990, or email him at Jakeb@synergeticendeavors.com

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Sincerely,



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