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The Honorable Mark Dayton  
116 Veterans Service Building  
20 West 12th Street  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

As mayor of Minnetonka, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your long-standing position that Minnesota needs to make a bold, substantial investment in our State and region's transportation needs. I am especially grateful for your dedication to the Southwest Light Rail project (Green Line extension). I understand how frustrating the current political environment can be and that it is very tempting to throw up your hands and send a message to the legislators that if they can't figure it out, it's not your fault – but I am writing to encourage you to continue fighting.

I don't need to explain to you the benefits and true need for a significant, dedicated investment in a balanced transportation system – including roads, bridges, bus system, and a metro region light rail system. I would very much appreciate your continued productive leadership in finding a workable solution to allow this investment to happen.

While I understand the successful passage of legislation may be out of your control, your vision and leadership on what it takes to make our State and region great is still very much needed.

Sincerely,

Mayor Terry Schneider  
City of Minnetonka

C: Senator Terri Bonoff  
Senator David Hann  
Senator Melisa Franzen  
Representative Jon Applebaum  
Representative Yvonne Selcer  
Representative Paul Rosenthal  
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