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# Minnesota House of Representatives

January 16, 2025

Leader Lisa Demuth  
Minnesota House Republican Caucus  
658 Cedar St.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Leader Demuth:

The path you have chosen and the situation currently unfolding in the Minnesota House is deeply concerning. It's unfortunate that we were not able to negotiate a satisfactory agreement prior to the start of session. As we have discussed, due to your refusal to commit to allowing all duly elected members of the Minnesota House DFL to serve the terms to which they have been elected and your refusal to honor the power-sharing agreement we negotiated if the House returns to a 67-67 split, the Minnesota House DFL has chosen to deny quorum to protect the will of the voters.

Nevertheless, as I stated when we ended negotiations on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, we owe a duty to the state to continue to work together to achieve a resolution of our differences so that the Minnesota House of Representatives can be properly organized and Democrats and Republicans can work together to serve the people we represent.

As I indicated on Tuesday morning, the Minnesota House DFL stands by the enclosed offer, which we first made Monday evening and reiterated on Tuesday. It proposes a reasonable resolution to our current impasse. Please let us know whether you accept this offer or will make a written counteroffer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melissa Hortman, Leader  
Minnesota House DFL Caucus

Enclosure: Monday, 1/13/25 DFL Offer