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**Minnesota House
of Representatives**

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The Honorable Melvin Carter
Mayor of St. Paul
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Via electronic delivery

Mayor Carter,

It has been nearly two weeks since the cybersecurity breach affecting the City of Saint Paul became public, and we are still without clear information on the overall scope, severity, or recovery timeline. Given that Saint Paul is not only Minnesota's capital city, but also the administrative hub for state government, this ongoing disruption has significant implications for state government and security of the State Capitol Complex that requires transparency and urgency.

We are requesting immediate answers to the following questions:

1. What is the current estimated timeline for fully restoring access to city systems?
2. Which systems have been compromised or remain unavailable as a result of the cybersecurity breach?
3. Are any departments currently relying on external networks, borrowed infrastructure, or temporary workarounds to maintain operations? If so, which departments are impacted and how have these arrangements affected operations?
4. Has this incident impacted any state, county, or federal systems or networks?
5. Has the city identified whether any employee, resident, or operational data was accessed or compromised as part of the breach? What steps have been taken to assess the extent of any data exposure and to notify or protect affected individuals or departments?
6. Have there been any changes to payroll operations during this period, including how compensation is processed? If so, please clarify whether employees are receiving full pay, including overtime, and if any temporary limitations have been put in place while systems are offline?

Saint Paul is currently in a state of limited digital functionality. That reality requires transparency not only to protect public trust but to ensure appropriate support from state and federal partners. We are requesting a written update or offer of briefing no later than August 12, 2025.

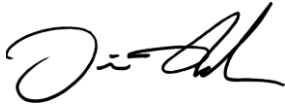
Sincerely,



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