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Administrator Darrell Pettis  
Le Sueur County Administration  
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Administrator Pettis,

I would like to sincerely thank you as well as share a commendation to your Emergency Management Department, specifically Ann Traxler, Tammy Stewig and Pam Voit. On behalf of myself and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington, we are grateful for the valuable assistance they provided to us during the recent civil unrest in the Twin Cities metro area.

As you know, the level and severity of the unrest in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area escalated rapidly and a Multi-Agency Coordinator Center (MACC) was established in an effort to streamline resources, deploy mobile field force units and coordinate logistics. It became quickly apparent to us at HSEM that support personnel from outside the metro area was needed. Our team here at HSEM recognized that emergency management professionals from our county partners would be able to fill this demand. Our logistics section chief Jacob Beauregard reached out to Rich Hall from Freeborn County and made a request for assistance. Rich identified Ann and her team, as part of the Region 1 Credentialing team, and asked for them to respond. Ann, Tammy and Pam were instrumental in providing high level emergency management organization tasks at the MACC for several days. Their knowledge, professionalism, and willingness to sacrifice their own time to serve the community at large was a crucial part of the overall mission. This mission was not only to protect the citizens of the impacted areas but additionally, to support law enforcement and other public safety partners during the chaotic events taking place in the Twin Cities metro area. They handled several of these logistical needs seamlessly and were always readily available to assist where ever it was needed.

In closing, thank you again for the assistance provided by Le Sueur County. We are proud of the collaboration and relationships we have with our county emergency managers throughout the state. We know the work they do "behind the scenes" largely goes unnoticed to citizens and community members but it did not go unnoticed to us during this incident. Ann and her staff are an asset to your county and the State of Minnesota and should be commended for their service.

Sincerely,

Director Joe Kelly  
Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division  
Minnesota Department of Public Safety