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Dear Friends of Global Minnesota,

Carol Engebretson Byrne shared with me her intention to step down from her role as Global Minnesota president after 21 years of service. Carol has excelled in this role as leader of one of the top world affairs councils in the U.S. Her passion and knowledge about global issues, tirelessness in advocating for the mission, and innovative and enthusiastic leadership have resulted in the vibrant organization Global Minnesota is today. On behalf of the full board, I want to express our deep gratitude to Carol for her service and leadership to this organization, this state, and this mission.

As in all things, Carol has set an end to her tenure with the best interests of the organization in mind. She will continue on through January 15, 2019, allowing the organization time for a thoughtful and planful transition. The Board of Directors is actively engaged in the process to select the new president, naming a search committee led by Mike Meyer, former head of human resources for Ecolab, and comprising board members Jeannie Fox Entenza, Thea Keamy, John Marsalek, Ross Wilson, and me.

Ballinger | Leafblad, a prominent search firm with deep experience in the nonprofit sector, has been contracted. The process is underway, and our intention is to ensure a smooth transition from Carol to the new Global Minnesota president by January 15, 2019.

We know the community is heavily vested in the work Global Minnesota does to advance international understanding and engagement, and we are committed to ensuring communication with our stakeholders along the way and when the new president is named. We also look forward to bringing the community together later this year to celebrate the organization's many successes under Carol's leadership. Look for an invitation in the months to come.

Global Minnesota has important work to accomplish during this transition period and it would not be possible to meet the challenges of building global understanding without the commitment of our stakeholders. Thank you for all you do on behalf of this mission, and I look forward to working together to grow Minnesota's global mindset.

Sincerely,

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