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To: Honorable Mayor Betsy Hodges and City Council Members
350 South 5th Street,
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Mayor Hodges and Hon. Council Members,

The Government of Puntland State of Somalia presents its compliments and has the honor to thank you and your Government for all the support given to the Somali people. In particular, the Government of Puntland wishes to thank you all personally for all the support rendered to the Somalis who call your wonderful city home.

We also write to thank the honorable members of the Minneapolis City Council who voted unanimously in support of the Minneapolis/Bosaso Sister City Twining petition. We also recognize the enthusiastic contribution of Councilmen Abdi Warsame, members of Minnesota Friends of Bosaso and other Minnesotans for advancing this first of its kind and historic link between the United States and Somalia. The links between Minnesotans and those in our cities continue to grow both in strength and in depth.

It is wonderful to see the active and leading role of the City of Minneapolis in the various cultural, educational and business exchanges between our peoples. The Minneapolis/Bosaso Sister City initiative will further cement and upgrade these links to the highest level in all domains. We are excited by the potential this reciprocal relationship holds for citizens in our cities, states, and countries.

On behalf of the government and people of Puntland State of Somalia, allow me to once again extend our sincere appreciation for the support and to reiterate our friendship. We look forward to the wonderful work ahead.

With my best wishes, please accept the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.


Dr. Abdiweli Mohamed Ali
President, Government of Puntland State of Somalia

