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To the Property and Local Sales Tax Division of the House of Representatives, Taxes Committee and the Taxes Division on Property Taxes of the Senate Tax Committee,

Per the requirements of 2010 Minnesota Laws Chapter 389, Article 2, Sections 1 and 2, the Council on Local Results and Innovation is submitting its recommended “...minimum standards for comprehensive performance measurement systems.” We interpreted “performance measurement system” to mean more broadly a performance management system that uses performance measures to manage counties and cities. The standards are attached.

The members of the Council include:

- Patricia Coldwell, Association of MN Counties
- John Gunyou, City of Minnetonka
- Mark Hintermeyer City of Moorhead
- Jay Kiedrowski, Humphrey School, U of MN
- Rebecca Otto, MN State Auditor
- Jay Stroebe, City of Minneapolis
- Matt Stemwedel, City of Woodbury
- Wendy Underwood, City of St. Paul
- Tim Walsh, Scott County
- Ben Woessner, City of Pelican Rapids

The council sees value in having all counties and cities in Minnesota develop performance management systems. In fact, we believe that the performance management systems are more important than the 10 performance measures you requested we develop.

However, the performance management systems need to be used to be effective. Allowing cities and counties to develop their own systems will improve the usefulness of the systems. That is why we developed three simple standards for the performance management systems.

Representatives of the Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Council’s work, our recommended standards for performance management systems, and our concerns about the use of these measures.

Sincerely,

Jay Kiedrowski, Chair
Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation

Cc: House Speaker, House Minority Leader, Senate Majority Leader, and Senate Minority Leader, Rep. Marquart