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Mayor Bob Ramsey
City of Ramsey
7550 Sunwood Drive NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

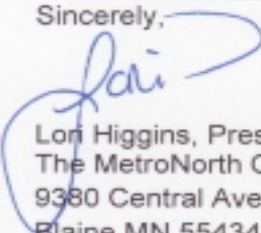
Dear Mayor Ramsey:

It is our pleasure to write a letter in support of the Minnesota National Guard Yellow Ribbon Status for the City of Ramsey.

The MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce realizes the importance of a support network for military families within their community. We are currently active in the city of Blaine's Yellow Ribbon Campaign initiative and serve on their Business Committee. Also, in late 2010 we had an awards ceremony for our members which focused on the importance of hiring veterans. Major General Richard Nash, Commander of the 34th Infantry (Red Bulls) Division and Minnesota's new Adjutant General, was the keynote speaker, and after the ceremony we donated \$1,000 to the Anoka Chapter #39 Disabled American Veterans group.

The MetroNorth Chamber fully supports the efforts of the City of Ramsey as they seek Minnesota National Guard Yellow Ribbon Status. We would also be pleased to reach out to our local business members and encourage them to support your Beyond the Yellow Ribbon campaign. A program such as this one that helps military families benefits not just our veterans but also the community at large, and we thank you for pursuing this important status.

Sincerely,



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