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Dear Paul Borek,

On behalf of the people of the State of Illinois, it is my pleasure to thank you for your service as the Executive Director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC). Your leadership and dedication have been instrumental in propelling our state's economic growth, and your retirement marks the end of a truly remarkable era.

For over the last 15 years, your leadership has played a pivotal role in revitalizing DeKalb County. The remarkable economic growth achieved in the past three years alone, equivalent to three decades of progress, stands as a testament to your contributions. Under your guidance, DCEDC spearheaded the creation of the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone which has been a cornerstone in attracting over 2.5 billion dollars of investments, leading to the development of 8 million square feet of space and the creation of 3,500 jobs during the past eight years.

Additionally, your partnership with Northern Illinois University in creating DeKalb County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy has been incredibly successful. This plan has guided the expansion and diversification of the DeKalb County economy and attracted major new technology, research & development, and food processing industries while complementing the county's manufacturing, logistics, education, and agricultural base.

The State of Illinois thanks you for your contributions to DeKalb County, the Northwest Illinois region, and our state. Your service will continue to have an impact for years to come. You have represented the State of Illinois admirably.

I wish you continued success in all your future endeavors. You have my respectful gratitude for the 15 years of service to the people of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".

Governor JB Pritzker