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Terry D. Bergdall, Ph.D.
CEO and President
Institute of Cultural Affairs
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4750 North Sheridan Road
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Dear Mr. Bergdall:

I want to personally thank you for participating in Retrofit Chicago's Commercial Building Initiative and committing to reduce energy use in your building by at least 20% over the next five years. Energy efficiency is a priority for my administration. Together we can strengthen Chicago by creating jobs, saving money and reducing our emissions and environmental impact.

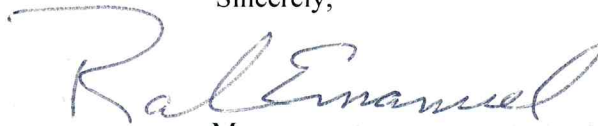
The City of Chicago is taking specific steps to make our own assets more energy efficient as part of Retrofit Chicago including a groundbreaking effort that will aggregate energy efficiency projects across the City and its sister agencies.

But, we can't do it alone. Buildings in Chicago are responsible for over 70% of all greenhouse gas emissions and businesses, residents, nonprofits and governments spend over \$3 billion annually to heat, cool and operate them. In order to scale the benefits of energy efficiency we need engagement from all partners.

That is why we are pleased to announce Retrofit Chicago's Commercial Building Initiative, a broad partnership that seeks to accelerate energy efficiency and performance of large commercial buildings. By agreeing to participate in Retrofit Chicago's Commercial Building Initiative, you are helping to transform Chicago's local industries and demonstrate to the nation that energy efficiency is good for Chicago and good for business.

We look forward to working with you on this important endeavor. As a next step, please contact Karen Weigert, Chief Sustainability Officer (karen.weigert@cityofchicago.org). Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,


Mayor