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To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Center Line prides itself on being a safe and beautiful community, offering small-town lifestyle in the heart of Metro-Detroit. We take seriously our responsibility to conserve resources while maintaining the functionality and appearance of all city properties.

Lighting plays a big part in the safety and appearance of our municipal properties and our neighborhoods. LED lighting can save money, but it comes at a steep price with the risk that purchasing it cannot be justified if power rates and other circumstances change – such as reducing hours or closing facilities – or if better technology comes along.

The Energy Reduction Coalition (ERC) lighting program came to our attention as a way to immediately get the benefits of LED lighting without any long-term commitment, or obligation to the taxpayers of our community. Because of our partnership with ERC, all of our lighting is functional, and consistent; and we have better looking, more modern lighting fixtures in all of our municipal buildings – without the city having to pay for it. The best part is that ERC is responsible for the cost of maintaining the lighting, which includes parts and labor.

Additionally, ERC will pay the bill to have our utility convert all of its neighborhood street lights to LED – so our citizens and public safety officers get all the advantages of LED light in those neighborhoods. ERC will also pay to install new lighting on our football field so our high school team can have night games at home. Something we've wanted for many years, but could not afford.

All of this is getting done without the city having to cut a check or make any long-term commitment.

ERC made this process easy, which proves that this organization is run by people who believe that we can all do better, and do more by working together and sharing the benefits. It's a completely different approach to getting things done that I think would benefit any forward-thinking government or organization.

We are proud to be partners with ERC, and highly recommend their team to help you achieve the same goals on energy savings and community safety.

With kind regards,

Dennis E. Champine
City Manager/City Clerk