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Dear President Linda Mealey-Lohmann,

With this letter and on behalf of the Chinese Consulate General in Chicago, I would like to convey my best wishes and congratulations for a successful groundbreaking ceremony of the St. Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden of Whispering Willows and Flowing Waters.

Linda, I know that you and your team have been working on this project for so many years. When dream becomes true, I am as excited as you and many others are at the event. I greatly appreciate the Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society and all friends in Minnesota in supporting and advancing the sister-city relations between St. Paul and Changsha throughout the years. The Chinese garden epitomizes the deep friendship between China and the US and between the city of St. Paul and Changsha, and fully showcases the generous sharing and appreciation of each other's cultures and heritages.

Given the importance of China-US relations, bilateral cultural exchange programs like the China Friendship Garden is getting all the more critical in promoting mutual understanding between our two peoples and would be a new highlight in the splendid chapter of China-US friendship. With friends like you, I am confident that China-US bilateral relations would have a bright future.

Congratulations and best wishes,



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