

I'd like to apologize publicly for the inappropriate Facebook post I made on Congressman Emmer's page in the early morning hours of May 9, 2017. There are those who have questioned whether my post was a threat towards Congressman Emmer, it was not meant as such. This written apology is directed primarily towards the community, most of whom were not present when I had the opportunity to personally apologize to the Lino Lakes City Council and department heads. My post went beyond the appropriate line for civil discourse, and for that I am embarrassed and ashamed of my conduct. As a Lino Lakes council member, my actions, even when made as a private citizen, still reflect on the city council, and that I sincerely regret. I hold my fellow council members and city staff in the highest esteem and do not wish for my poor conduct to be a reflection on the city of Lino Lakes. I deeply regret that my actions have caused inconvenience not only to Congressman Emmer and his staff, but to the staff of Lino Lakes and my fellow council members. I am ashamed that this incident took the spotlight briefly, when there are so many people working hard for the good of communities in Minnesota and are far more deserving of the attention.

Sincerely – Melissa Maher