Members of the St. Paul City Council.

I have been a homeowner since 1999 all those years at my current address. I appreciate, and support, the fact that our taxes pay for a quality of life we all value. My problem is that in the last 5 year my property taxes went up by 70% (25% increase this year alone!).

Now I am assessed another 17.7% increase for next year. I am reaching the limit of my ability to pay! Like most

people I have not received a raise in a while and inflation and high fuel costs will take a toll of my finances.

The fact that my house increased in value is of no importance to me inasmuch as it does not increase my income.

Please reconsider the tax increase.

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