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Council Member Representative Member,

Dear City Council Member:

While guiding us through the pandemic, the City of Saint Paul needs to fund initiatives that address the root causes of poverty, ensuring that no one's health is an afterthought.

I appreciate the past funding dedicated to labor standards co-enforcement because it is a critical investment in our city's most essential and vulnerable workers. Jobs where workers' rights are respected and workers can use benefits like sick time are an important part of addressing poverty in our city. As you work to finalize the 2022 Saint Paul budget, I urge you to fund 2 full time investigators in Labor Standards Enforcement and \$200k in outreach and education on labor standards, and make it ongoing into the future.

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