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Subject: Support elimination of parking minimums
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I write in strong support of the elimination of parking minimums, and ask that you act favorably on this item.

Minnesota has suffered "unprecedented" drought and our kids are breathing smoke from wildfires fueled by climate change. We must take immediate steps to reduce carbon emissions and create a more sustainable Saint Paul.

Parking minimums drive up the cost of housing, and ensure that parking remains a "hidden" part of the bill. Not seeing the cost, we are all paying more than we know.

Parking minimums push people and businesses further away, making our neighborhoods less welcoming to walk and bike. It becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy that everyone drives to a store when it's encircled in an oversized lot.

Thank you,

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