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Hello I'm calling on Tuesday before noon in hopes that you can have this message for your meeting on Wednesday this week. Your meeting is July 27th. My name is Barbara Hawkins. My address is 1621. Montreal Ave in Saint Paul. And I'm calling regarding your item, where you're going to vote on whether to put the spark initiative on the ballot for this November. I am wholeheartedly against that action. I think that ballot initiatives are not the way to handle big issues like this, and even more important to me is I don't want my property taxes to be increased to pay for this program. I am for education. I'm not against any child programs, but using property taxes is not the way to do it. So I'm against having initiatives that didn't get enough signatures and I've read about it and I understand the ins and outs of that. They did not get enough signatures and now they're asking you to put it on the ballot. I, as I said, wholeheartedly object, I ask you to vote no on that request and encourage the people from Spark to work with the state and other programs that might be available to support children and families. I'm all for that. Just, this isn't the way to do it. I'm also concerned because I don't think that going to property owners and when property owners are becoming a smaller portion of the city and renters are becoming more. I don't think property owners are the way to solve problems. I think that that's getting a really small portion of the city, especially for a city like Saint Paul. Anyhow, again, please vote no on the request to put Spark on the November ballot. My phone number is 6515928424. 6515928424 my name is Barbara Hawkins and I live in Saint Paul and my e-mail if you need it, is HAWK0107 at umn.edu. Thank you. Please vote no, thank you.

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