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Subject: S.A.F.E. Housing Ordinance

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Councilmember Tolbert,

I am a resident of Ward 3 living at 1161 Palace Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105 who has voted for you in each election. I am Senior Minnesota Fellow, National Anti-Eviction Project, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and a national expert on housing law. Here is my bio.

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I am writing to encourage you to vote against repeal of the S.A.F.E. Housing Ordinance. For the reasons in the attached memos, I believe the best course for the city is to

- Table the vote on repealing the S.A.F.E. Housing Ordinance based on the rationale that the Federal Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals will be addressing legal issues that are highly relevant to the constitutionality of the ordinance, especially the tenant screening portion of the ordinance.
- Seek a stay of litigation in front of Federal District Court Judge Magnuson pending the Eighth Circuit ruling in Minneapolis case.
- In the event that the Eighth Circuit decision is adverse on the issue of tenant screening, prepare a revised ordinance that omits the tenant screening portion but retains the three other portions as part of a future "repeal and replace" strategy.

Let me know if you would like to discuss this.

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