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**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul\\_Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Attn: Chris Tolbert Re: Trellis Development  
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Dear Mr. Tolbert,  
I'm writing to express our concern about this proposed development.

We oppose this development for several reasons. First and foremost, it just doesn't make sense to destroy the bluff. One of the reasons we chose to live nearby is because of the natural beauty this area affords so close to the city. We can't even imagine the cost and issues building a retaining wall of that scale. We know from experience retaining walls often fail. Why ruin the bluff when there are many other more options to build?

It is also our understanding the city would be funding the project to make the bluff buildable with our tax dollars. This, quite frankly, makes us extremely angry when for the amount of taxes we pay, we can't even get our streets plowed in a timely manner (if at all). And, the underfunding of the police department - well, that's another topic for a different time.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,  
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