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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing as a neighbor who lives near the vacant CVS at Snelling and University. Since its closure in April 2022, the property has remained empty and has become a source of ongoing problems like trash, vandalism, drug use, and break-ins.

The empty store doesn't just affect the way the corner looks — it affects how people feel about our community. Instead of being a place that brings neighbors together, it's become a daily reminder of neglect. That's not fair to the families, children, and longtime residents who call Hamline-Midway home.

I know many of my neighbors have worked hard to bring attention to this issue — through petitions, public meetings, and countless calls to the city. I'm grateful that DSI has declared the site a nuisance, and I urge you to follow through by supporting demolition at the upcoming hearing.

We have an opportunity to turn this corner into something new, something that better serves the neighborhood and reflects the vision we have for our future. Please don't let it remain a monument to what's gone wrong. Let it become the start of something better.

Thank you for your consideration, and for standing with neighbors who want to see our community thrive.

Sincerely,

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