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Mr. Russ Stark
President
SAINT PAUL CITY COUNCIL
15 Kellogg Boulevard, 310 City Hall
St. Paul, MN 55102

RE: Midway Soccer Stadium Project

Dear President Stark:

As we have stated in previous communications, UFCW Local 1189 has several concerns regarding the speed and path that we are on as the soccer stadium project proceeds.

We have many questions about the real cost to taxpayers of Saint Paul and we are concerned about any additional costs that may arise from infrastructure.

We are very concerned about our members at Rainbow Foods being displaced from their work as a result of the new development (we understand that additional property is needed for the soccer stadium footprint) and that there are no provisions to aid in those workers keeping employed or transitioning on to other employment.

We also believe that we should wait and see how the state legislature is going to proceed with the requests for tax exempt status for the site, and whether the construction materials will be given an exemption from sales tax.

We urge you to consider all of this and feel that sometimes it's better to slow down and get all of the information before we proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director/Special Projects

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