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City Council Members
City of St. Paul
15 W Kellogg Blvd #310,
St Paul, MN 55102

Dear City Council Members,

The Alliance for Sustainability wholeheartedly supports your new proposed Saint Paul Sustainable Building Policy Ordinance.

St. Paul has been a national and state leader on advancing high performance buildings with both its public buildings and with private development for the past decade!

St. Paul Staff have updated your Sustainable Building Policy Ordinance with the expert guidance of the U of MN Center for Sustainable Building Research. <http://www.csbr.umn.edu>

Your new proposed Saint Paul Sustainable Building Policy Ordinance will

- Enable St. Paul residents, businesses, building operators and building owners save huge amounts of money, energy and carbon emissions over the next 40 years
- Help ensure new larger buildings being constructed or renovated in St. Paul (with significant financing or variances from the city) will be high performing buildings.
- Help both St. Paul and the State of MN achieve their carbon reduction goals on time while boosting local jobs. Efficient new building construction is one of the biggest carbon wedges in our MN climate action plan CSEO (that can save us 2 billion dollars over 40 years) www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/climate-change

Over the next three years we will support 15 or more metro cities to also modify and adopt St. Paul's new Sustainable Building Policies – to benefit their communities, while helping developers in the Metro Area to work within a shared set of development guidelines from the larger cities.

Tomorrow, Alliance for Sustainability is convening leaders from 15 metro cities (including St. Paul) to launch a Resilient Cities Coalition to advance the efforts of metro cities that are working to achieve community wide energy goals. Through the coalition cities will learn from one another's great examples, collaborate on shared projects and increase their influence.

Thanks so much for considering our comments!

Sustainably,

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