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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ST. PAUL BUDGET HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2 AT 6 P.M.

Good afternoon, Honorable Council Members,

I wish to submit the following testimony for the public hearing on the St. Paul City Budget this Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arline L. Datu
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My name is Arline Datu. I live in Ward 2 and am a leader in ISAIAH. I strongly support the passage of the tenant protections ordinance for St. Paul. Now more than ever, our city needs comprehensive tenant protections to address rising displacement, help keep people in their homes and eliminate discrimination especially during an economic downturn and COVID19.

As a renter for the last six years, I understand how difficult it can be to keep up with rising rent increases, especially if you live on a fixed income as I do. And meeting monthly expenses during COVID became even more stressful after I lost my job as a result of the pandemic.

That's why I am asking that you put \$150,000 towards implementing this important ordinance to ensure future stability and safety for all in our community. Thank you!