Good morning,

This is Gene Gelgelu President and CEO at African Economic Development Solutions(AEDS) a nonprofit organization that serves African immigrants in Minnesota. We have worked closely with Rift Valley transportation since 2008, our establishment and they have a track record of providing gainful employment to low income families for many years. We strongly support this business and want to testify at the hearing. Please register me as one of the speakers.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE HEARING

A License Hearing has been scheduled to address concerns/objections raised related to the following license application:

• Rift Valley Transportation, 45 Empire Drive, for an Auto Body Repair/Painting Shop license.

You are invited to attend and participate. *Participation will be via telephone in light of the Governor's COVID-19 declaration.*

Date/Time:4/29/2021 at 2:00 p.m.Location:Participation will be via telephone only. If you would liketo participate, please

contact <u>LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u> so arrangements may be made.

At the hearing, the Legislative Hearing Officer will take testimony from all interested parties. At the end of the hearing, a recommendation may be made as to whether the license should be approved, approved with conditions, or referred to an Administrative Law Judge. The City Council will have the final authority to grant or deny the licenses.

An agenda, including information about the applicants and the correspondence of concern, is attached and available at the City's <u>website</u>.

Questions may be directed to <u>LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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" The older I get, the less I listen to what people say and the more I watch what they do.", Andrew Carnegie

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