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Dear Councilmember Bowie,

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving break. I was concerned when we read the proposed property tax assessment that we received for 2025 which would add an 11% increase in the upcoming year alone. The combination of soaring property taxes and a nearly 10% sales tax in St. Paul were not expenses that we anticipated when we considered the long term affordability of our current home seven years ago.

Between 2019 and 2023, St. Paul's city budget grew by 30.1% while the Consumer Price Index increased by 19.2%. I urge you and the rest of the city council to resist Mayor Carter's proposed levy increase, prioritize municipal spending on essential services, and reject policies that drive property development and business from St. Paul. Continued residential property taxes are not the solution to our city's fiscal challenges.

Kind Regards,
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