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To the Saint Paul City Council,

Please remove RES 26-746 from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Saint Paul is losing childcare providers faster than it is gaining them. Families face waitlists. Providers cite staffing shortages, collapsing margins, and major operating deficits. The Minneapolis Fed still describes Minnesota childcare as being in crisis.

So why is a city with a nearly \$900 million budget competing for childcare grant dollars?

This program exists because small providers cannot fund capital projects on their own. Saint Paul can.

When the city competes for limited state childcare funding, it crowds out the exact neighborhood providers this program was designed to help.

The city's role should be supporting Saint Paul's childcare ecosystem — not competing against it for scarce state dollars.

Thank you.