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Dear Council Member Bowie,

This week I received the proposed property tax assessment for 2025. My husband and I have been in our current home in St Paul since 2013, and just since 2020 our property taxes have increased by nearly 50%. The 2025 proposal would nail us with an additional 22% increase. The ridiculous increase in property taxes and among the highest sales tax rates in the country, are making St Paul unaffordable. When is this madness going to stop?

The last thing we want to do is to uproot and leave St Paul, but if this spending cant get under control, we will have no choice. City spending is WAY outpacing inflation, the folks downtown are spending like entitled trust fund children. I urge you and the rest of the city council to appose Mayor Carter's proposed increases. Please limit spending on essential services and reject policies that turn property development and business away from St. Paul (i.e. the ghost town that is Grand Ave and downtown).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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