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Dear Saint Paul City Councilmembers-

We are writing to support your effort to reduce the mayor's proposed budget by at least 2.9%. For all saint Paulite's, I urge you to reign in the explosive taxation that is making it difficult to stay in St. Paul. And for lower income people and those on fixed incomes, this dramatic rise in homeowner's taxes will drive many out of their homes or lead to more people in poverty. We can no longer support higher taxes and we urge the councilmembers to show their commitment to responsibly cut the proposed 2025 budget by \$6M and the tax levy by 2.9%. It can be done. We would suggest starting with a moratorium on any new programs.

Thanks you,

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To all Saint Paul City Councilmembers-

I am writing to support your effort to reduce Mayor Carter's proposed budget by at least 4%.

For all saint Paulite's, I urge you to reign in the explosive taxation that is making it difficult for many to stay in St. Paul. And for lower income people and those on fixed incomes, this dramatic rise in homeowner's taxes will drive many out of their homes or lead to more people in poverty.

We can no longer support higher taxes and we urge the councilmembers to show their commitment to responsibly cut the proposed 2025 budget by \$8M and the tax levy by 3%. It can be done.

We recommend starting with a moratorium on any new programs. The city needs to responsibly manage the programs already in existence.

Thank you in advance for giving tis request your full consideration.

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