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Dear Council member Bowie,

I was alarmed to learn about the proposed 21.4% increase in property taxes for my single-family home. My family has lived in St. Paul for 10 years, and during this time, our property taxes have already increased by 87%. If the current proposal is enacted, this will amount to a staggering 126% increase over 11 years. Such an escalation is unreasonable, unaffordable, and unsustainable for families like mine.

St. Paul already has the highest sales tax in the state, and this additional burden makes the city increasingly unaffordable for its residents. I am deeply concerned that these financial pressures will drive families away, leading to an exodus that could have lasting consequences for the community. My wife and I are reluctantly exploring the possibility of relocating, driven by fears that if we don't sell now, our home may become unsellable in the future due to skyrocketing taxes.

The proposed tax levy far exceeds the current rate of inflation—by nearly threefold. This approach places an undue burden on residents and is not a viable long-term solution.

I strongly urge you to reconsider and push back against these proposed levies. It is imperative to find a balanced approach that considers the financial well-being of St. Paul's residents while maintaining the city's growth and stability.

Best Regards,

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