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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing this email to express my frustration with yet another proposed increase in property taxes!

My taxes on the East side of St. Paul have risen 35% in the last 3-4 years and this is unsustainable for many of us who are retired and living on a fixed income.

The city and county governments need to start cutting some staff and frivolous services that only benefit a small group. (Giving each kid in St Paul \$50 for college accounts would be a great start)

The government needs to start budgeting better also and quit relying on the residents to automatically fund whatever "pet project" that comes along!(i.e. bike lanes, Rondo neighborhood reparations, the mayors bloated staff and bloated salaries) and start focusing on plowing , infrastructure and police staffing to lower crime.

Also, I'm frustrated by the lack of accountability in the St. Paul Schools! They seem to constantly have their collective hand out for more money, while providing little return on that money in terms of student achievement.

I worked for them for nearly 20 years and can attest to some unbelievable wastes of money! \$800k for former superintendent Valeria Silva to go away, and the endless hours of mandatory "Diversity training "that painted Caucasians(males especially)as racists are a couple of the many examples stand out!

That particular boondoggle with the Pacific Education Group cost the taxpayers nearly \$1 million dollars!

In short, this city and state need to start living within their means and cut out the frivolous spending!

Sincerely

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