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Good morning Councilmember Bowie,

I am very concerned about the large budget increase that Mayor Carter is proposing. We need to do all we (government, community, business, etc.) can to reduce violent crime, increase affordable housing and maintain important city services, but such a huge increase is alarming. With higher property taxes coming on the heels of the big sales tax increase, we will lose more people to the suburbs. We need more support from the State of MN. St. Paul residents shoulder the tax burden, supporting tax free state properties along with all the tax free colleges and universities. Many throughout the state benefit from what St .Paul offers, but don't contribute to it financially. It's time the state contributes more to help its capital city.

Sincerely,  
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