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Dear Mr. Stark:

The City of Hopkins strongly supports the application by the coalition of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to “Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service.”

Hopkins is a leader in clean energy and sustainability. Our Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund offers incentives to residents and businesses to accelerate our transition to cleaner and more efficient energy. The City has worked closely with Metro Transit to ensure that the three Green Line Light Rail stations in Hopkins (due to open in 2027) will create convenient, affordable, sustainable connections. In 2024, the City will host two HOURCAR EVie vehicles at its public housing building, Dow Towers, which will provide low-income residents with access to electric car sharing at a reduced cost.

This proposal would build on that work to connect people to more places with clean transportation.

The proposal describes how the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul will work with regional stakeholders, including other cities like Hopkins, to locate electric carshare hubs at or near Metro Transit high frequency lines, including Green Line Light Rail.

Locating carshare hubs at or near one of our Green Line stations would provide needed connectivity for our residents, and to people traveling to destinations in Hopkins that are not now easily reachable by transit.

With this letter we commit to work with the cities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis to engage our staff and residents in evaluating locations for possible carshare hubs, should this proposal be selected for funding. We appreciate that EPA’s CPRG grant does not require local match. This letter is a commitment to participate in the process of evaluating locations for new hubs. Any decision to locate a hub in Hopkins, funded by this proposal, would be informed by that process and other local considerations.

For all these reasons, Hopkins strongly supports the coalition application by the cities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis to “Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service.”

Sincerely,

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