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Dear Mr. Stark:

The Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC) strongly supports the application by the coalition of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to “Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service,” and commits to participate in the event EPA selects this application.

NRRC is a non-profit neighborhood organization which has been serving the Near North and Willard-Hay neighborhoods since 1969. NRRC’s primary goal is to bring about positive social changes, to foster self-determination, and empower residents to serve as a vehicle for active community involvement. We aim to improve the quality of life in North Minneapolis through an active, informed and self-sufficient citizenry.

As the neighborhood’s community development corporation, NRRC has worked with residents on many economic development projects in our neighborhood over the last 20 years.

Because transportation choices affect a community’s economic development and quality of life in so many ways, we help our community engage in planning for a wide variety of transportation projects. Current examples include planning for the Blue Line Light Rail Transit extension, and a non-vehicular bridge from 26th Ave. N. over the Mississippi River to 18th Ave. N.E.

The proposal by Saint Paul and Minneapolis to “Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service” would respond to many of the transportation needs of our residents. Projects like the Blue Line are important, but cannot connect our residents to all the places they need to go.

NRRC supports this proposal, and commits as a Community Based Organization to work with the Coalition of Minneapolis and Saint Paul to implement it in and around North Minneapolis. Specifically, we commit to work with the Coalition to implement two tasks:

1. Work with Community Based Organizations to identify an expanded Evie Carshare service area and support that new area with new Evie Carshare vehicles.

We will work with the Coalition to engage our residents and businesses in an informed and empowered way.

2. Expand EV Carshare at or near transit stations.

The Northside is served by two of Metro Transit's successful arterial Bus Rapid Transit lines, the C Line and the D Line. Locating electric vehicle carshare hubs near these lines would let residents reach a substantially larger set of important destinations. We will help the Coalition learn from our residents and locate carshare hubs in a way that best maximizes their usefulness.

In conclusion, we have seen other residents of Minneapolis use the Evie Carshare system to meet transportation needs that they could not meet any other way. This Climate Pollution Reduction Grant would expand this proven, popular system to create a truly regional carshare system. Doing so would have, in the language of the CPRG Notice of Funding Opportunity, a "transformative impact" on our residents. We are pleased to be included in the proposal, and eager to help expand the system to serve more residents, including those in North Minneapolis.

With this letter, NRRC confirms that if the application is funded, we will participate as described in the proposal.

Respectfully,

John Jamison
NRRC Board Chair