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Russ Stark  
Chief Resilience Officer  
City of Saint Paul  
15 Kellogg Blvd. West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mr. Stark:

On behalf of Saint Paul College, please accept this letter supporting 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.”

The proposal will install and maintain substantial amounts of new electric vehicle charging equipment, and maintain new electric vehicles. To support this expanded electric vehicle ecosystem, the Saint Paul–Minneapolis region will need a substantial new number of people who are:

- Trained in electric vehicle charger installation and maintenance.
- Trained in electric vehicle maintenance.

Grounded in equity and inclusion, Saint Paul College is committed to preparing students for, and helping them find jobs, in high-demand industries providing family-sustaining wage jobs. With compassion and dedication, we collaborate to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment to meet student needs, interests, and goals. When all students have access to resources and support, they are empowered to achieve success. Diversity enriches our intellectual and professional community. Saint Paul College cultivates an environment of safety and transparency where all members are heard, valued, and respected.

Saint Paul College has an electric and hybrid vehicle lab including both electric vehicle chargers, and electric and hybrid vehicles. The College offers a class in Hybrid and Electric Vehicles, including “High Voltage Powertrain Systems, Component Identification, Theory, and Operation.”

As an educational partner with the Coalition of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, we will commit to build on this capacity to deliver “boot camps” in:

- Electric vehicle charger installation and maintenance.
- Electric vehicle maintenance.



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Through this partnership, Saint Paul College will deliver boot camp trainings open to all—residents aiming to be hired to work on this project, and residents seeking to be trained in the electric vehicle ecosystem for other opportunities.

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant proposal from the Coalition of Saint Paul and Minneapolis will expand a proven, popular clean transportation option 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 excited to help develop the workforce to support the expanded system.

Sincerely,

Deidra Peaslee, Ed.D.  
President