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Council Member Kevin Reich
Minneapolis City Council
350 South 5th Street, Room 307
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: Move Minneapolis / City of Minneapolis Audit

Dear Council Member Reich:

Thank you for taking the time last week to meet with me and John Wheaton of the Move Minneapolis Executive Committee. Move Minneapolis remains strongly committed to its core mission of promoting transit and other forms of transportation in and around downtown Minneapolis, and the support of the City of Minneapolis is crucial to our success.

The City of Minneapolis audit findings have presented Move Minneapolis with a number of challenges, but we have been working to promptly and forthrightly deal with those challenges:

1. Minneapolis City Council Member Linea Palmisano was kind enough to schedule a meeting with the Move Minneapolis Executive Committee on May 19, 2016, to preview the City's audit findings with us. The Executive Committee was sufficiently concerned about those audit findings that we promptly met with Dan McLaughlin, the Executive Director of Move Minneapolis, and suspended him without pay.

2. The City's Internal Auditor presented his audit findings to the City of Minneapolis Audit Committee on May 23, 2016. In the days that followed, Mr. McLaughlin responded to the City's audit findings, disputing some, but not all, of those findings. After review with the Move Minneapolis Board of Directors, the Executive Committee terminated Mr. McLaughlin's employment on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

3. Since the termination of Mr. McLaughlin's employment, the Executive Committee has been working hard to ensure that the existing programming and outreach activities of Move Minneapolis continue without interruption. We are seeking the appointment of an interim Executive Director to handle the day-to-day operations, and have been reaching out to our key stakeholders to keep them informed and to express our appreciation for their continued support.

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Move Minneapolis plays a vital role in promoting transit use in Minneapolis. I can't emphasize enough how strongly the Move Minneapolis board feels about its mission, and the strength of our commitment to be absolutely open and transparent in all of our work. We recognize completely that Move Minneapolis cannot survive if it does not have the full trust, confidence and support of our public and private stakeholders, and want to assure you that we will do everything in our power to continue to earn that trust, confidence and support.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us, and for your continued interest in Move Minneapolis. We look forward to working through what has proven to be a difficult period, and to continuing the important work of Move Minneapolis in the days to come.

Very truly yours,

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