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Mayor Melvin Carter
City of Saint Paul
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Sent via email: melvin.carter@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Mayor Carter,

We are shocked and saddened by the tragic incident that occurred early Sunday morning in our great city. Like many, we are struggling to comprehend this senseless violence and how a night out in downtown Saint Paul can end with such heartbreaking pain for so many. We grieve for Marquisha Wiley and everyone involved, their families and friends, and all who call Saint Paul home.

The City of Saint Paul is hurting, and our community is distraught and angered by this incident. We agree with you, Mayor Carter, on the importance of public safety, but these senseless acts underscore growing concerns about safety within our city. Action needs to be taken to stem the increase in senseless violence and other public safety issues that jeopardize the safety of our citizens and visitors, our quality of life, and the economic stability and growth of Saint Paul.

For employers committed to downtown Saint Paul, public safety needs to be a priority. We need to effectively assure our employees that downtown Saint Paul is safe. Our inability to do so will negatively impact our businesses and many others that operate in downtown Saint Paul.

As a community, we must never again witness such a senseless act of violence in our city. We urge you to take the necessary action to curb the violence in our city and are standing by to assist in these efforts as best we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christophe".

Christophe Beck
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cc: Dai Thao, Saint Paul Councilmember (Ward 1)
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