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The Honorable Hodan Hassan
597 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Omar Fateh
Capitol Office
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3219
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Hodan Hassan and Senator Omar Fateh,

Apex is pleased to support the Sabathani Community Center's (SCC) Community Energy Project. This phase of the project will install a new district energy geothermal heat pump system for the main Sabathani building with future expansion to a new 72-unit multi-family housing being built on the Sabathani campus in 2024.

Sabathani's goal is to develop a Community Resilience Hub that supports their 87% BIPOC South Minneapolis community by securing energy for critical services such as their food shelf; providing a gathering place for times of extended power outages; dramatically reducing carbon emissions in a community that carries a heavy pollution burden; supporting workforce development for family-sustaining careers; building wealth and energy access in a community of color; and providing a demonstration site for clean-renewable energy.

Apex is focused on energy conservation, carbon reductions, and energy self-sufficiency. Our parent company, Viridi Group, is recognized as a Specific Benefit Corporation in the State of Minnesota. This is largely due to our focus on making a difference in the world. Our foundation, the Apex Foundation, is focused on reducing poverty and child exploitation while also offering additional educational opportunities for children. That is one of the reasons we are so excited about the project at Sabathani. This project will not only greatly increase the resiliency for the Sabathani community, but it will also provide incredible opportunities for vocational training. We look forward to not only including local community residents in the construction and implementation of the improvements, but also the incredible opportunities that the facility and systems will provide for vocational training in the green economy.

Apex has the staff resources, availability, and passion that are needed to support the efforts associated with the proposed activities. We look forward to working alongside Sabathani Community Center and other key project partners to advance community-level energy resilience planning through deep community partnership.

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The time to act is now. We must invest in and build power in the South Minneapolis neighborhoods that have been overburdened by high energy costs, health impacts, and racial unrest. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about Apex's involvement in this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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