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Mayor Frey and Chief O'Hara,

We are writing today in utter horror at MPD's failure to protect a Minneapolis resident from a clear, persistent, and amply reported threat posed by his neighbor. Ward 8 resident Davis Moturi has been hospitalized after being shot by his next-door neighbor, two days ago on October 23, 2024. Mr. Moturi reached out to MPD starting in February of this year and made dozens of reports via 911 and 311 about the specific threats and actions taken by his neighbor.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office issued an arrest warrant for the suspect four months ago for threats made against Mr. Morturi, but the Minneapolis Police Department refused to execute the warrant. The Minneapolis Police Department did not respond to Mr. Moturi's calls in a timely or effective manner, allowing the problem to escalate for ten months. MPD did not submit reports to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office when the suspect brandished a knife and screamed racial slurs at Mr. Moturi or when the suspect threatened Mr. Moturi with a gun, both within the last two weeks. MPD still has not arrested the suspect despite charges from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for Attempted Murder, 1st Degree Assault, Stalking, and Harassment and a request from the HCAO for a warrant with \$1 million bail. MPD told the HCAO they do not intend to execute the warrant "for reasons of officer safety."

MPD's failure to act has left Mr. Moturi asking, "Am I not human like you?" We echo Mr. Moturi's heartbreaking question about why MPD did not protect this Black resident from a clear and serious threat, and why they continue to do so by failing to cooperate with the County Attorney's Office and failing to arrest the suspect. We also have many questions about how and why MPD leadership and the Mayor allowed this situation to escalate.

We support Council Member Jenkins, who has taken every step since first being contacted by her constituent in February and had to write yet another email today after months of seeking justice and protection for Mr. Moturi, in which she said "the inevitable has finally happened" after these months of inaction. Our systems have failed Mr. Moturi at every step, and it's past time he finally receives justice.

We urge MPD to immediately arrest the suspect, so he can stand trial for his alleged crimes. We further urge MPD and the Mayor to offer a full explanation of how and why MPD has once again failed to do its job and a Black man has once again paid the price.

Sincerely,  
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