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Hi Finance Committee,

I wanted to send you all a quick email about my thoughts on the State Street Campus Garage. The downtown alders received an update on the State Street Campus Garage last week. Without going into too much detail on the current status of the negotiations, I wanted to share my strong encouragement to push for affordability on this project.

**Specifically, this area needs as affordable units as possible, with deep affordability.** As a current low income student, I have personally experienced and have seen my peers struggle to find affordable housing in the downtown area where there is not affordable housing. I believe the State Street Campus Garage project has the potential to help fill this void in our community.

This is a city-owned property and we have more say than we otherwise would in other private developments on the affordability matter. We must push for deep affordable housing. I hope that Finance Committee can keep this frame of mind when discussing this agenda item.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Warmest,

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