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Members of the Metro Council:

Count me opposed to Mayor Fischer's obscene triple tax hike on insurance premiums. And as angered at his relentless ultimatums, scare tactics, extortions and threats.

If this band-aid passes, it will affect EVERY individual and business in Jefferson County, and drive away individuals and businesses from Jefferson County.

And all of you know who will take the brunt: those in poor and low-income neighborhoods including my Portland.

Those "West of Ninth Street."

Premiums on my home will double.

I'm 60 years old, disabled, limited income and in financial distress. I should NOT have to make hard decisions. Home, food, water, my health and medications.

I know that I will have to give up my precious cat Charlie because I can't afford him anymore.

I am requesting an audit of city finances under Fischer the last four years. Explain Bike Lanes and Bird Scooters; countless hotels and conventions, marathons and festivals.

All events through the Derby.

Nearly \$21 million dollars due for hosting upcoming basketball tournaments.

And enough bourbon to fill the Ohio.

His flat refusal of a restaurant tax.

His flat refusal of even compromise.

And three years of tearing down streets, sidewalks and curbs.

Where is the money, Mayor?

I urge for your ears and consciences from all your constituents. Mine could not vote for Fischer last November.

If he gets his way on this bandaid solution, my conscience will be one of the few things I have left.

Thank You.