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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force members:

My name is Helmut Schmidt, I live in the Sunset district. I am writing to express my support for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC). The SDDTAC was established by the will of the voters and its formation reflects a strong public mandate to ensure that soda tax revenues are used transparently and equitably to improve public health. The SDDTAC's participatory process ensures that those most impacted by sugary drink consumption and diet related disease benefit from the tax.

I have participated in various sugar drink advisory committee events. I saw firsthand how the committee's work positively impacted the residence of Bayview hunters point at the community Garden event in 2024. I know some committees struggle to meet a quorum and fulfill their mission. But I know that the sugary drink distributor tax advisory committee does put in the work and does deserve to continue.

Thank you very much,

Helmut Schmidt