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The Honorable Robert Vanasek
Speaker of the House
Minnesota House of Representatives
State Capitol House Chambers
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have vetoed Chapter 41, House File 472/Senate File 407, a bill that proposes further regulation of high pressure pipefitting.

Chapter 41 would bring chlorine plumbing, used largely in wastewater treatment to control the growth of bacteria in sludge, under strict regulation by the Department of Labor and Industry, and would exclude performance of this kind of work by independent contractors.

In the interest of small business development and the opportunity to open up this kind of work to more people coming out of approved technical training programs, this bill is inappropriate. Further, there is no evidence that chlorine pipefitting warrants any special control. It appears the bill recommends an improper use of state power in that it favors one group over another under the guise of safety.

Finally, it is important to point out that monitoring of safety compliance will not be at all at risk by this bill not becoming law. The Department of Labor and Industry currently regulates the general area of pipefitting and will continue to do so with all due diligence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arne H. Carlson".

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

- c: Senator Jerome M. Hughes, President of the Senate
Representative Rich O'Connor, House Chief Author
Senator Eugene Waldorf, Senate Chief Author
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