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The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Anderson:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 452, House File Number 3243 (with the exception of page 3, section 2 (e), lines 4 through 21).

I am signing this bill even though I have concerns about some of the policy directions advanced by this legislation. On balance, the bill contains a number of positive policy directions and appropriations that I believe warrant the signing of this legislation.

Given the legislation's positive benefits, I must reluctantly accept the "liveable wage" language contained in this bill even though I consider it inflexible, unnecessary, and counterproductive.

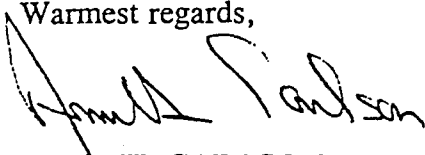
The language is inflexible because it fails to give the Department of Trade and Economic Development the latitude it may need to attract jobs in the future under different economic conditions. It is unnecessary because most economic development funds already have aid guidelines well in excess of this bill, and state-aided companies are already creating good jobs at good wages. Lastly, the bill is counterproductive because it suggests that corporations are part of the problem, not part of the solution.

Just the opposite is true: seventy-six percent of Minnesotans, some 1.7 million people, earn their living and support their families working for corporations. Corporations pay \$600 million in state income taxes alone. We would not generate the steady increases in state revenue so important to supporting programs championed by the proponents of this bill unless we had a healthy, growing business sector, as we now do. I strongly disapprove of efforts to micromanage them, as this language does.

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I have line-item vetoed the \$5,000 appropriation for studying the compatibility of the Kondirator projects. Ironically, this is at least the fifth piece of legislation this session that dealt with this issue, and it provides the least resources to carry out the duties assigned. As has been our policy consistently this session, further study and corresponding appropriations are unnecessary.

Warmest regards,



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