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May 25, 1999

The Honorable Steve Sviggum
Speaker of the House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

(Taxes)

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 243, House File Number 2420, a bill relating to taxes, with the following exception:

Page 190, article 8, section 7, lines 19-25.

This provision appropriates \$54 million in FY 2000/01 and \$30.9 million in FY 2002 to the Health Care Access Fund from the general fund to compensate for the health care provider tax freeze at 1.5 percent. While I support maintaining the rate at 1.5 percent at this time, I do not believe it is appropriate to subsidize these programs with general fund dollars.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Ventura".

Jesse Ventura
Governor

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Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader
Representative Tom Pugh, Minority Leader
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