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Current News The Honorable Don Samuelson
 President of the Senate
 120 State Capitol
 Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Policy Dear President Samuelson:

For Citizens I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 196, Senate File Number 491, a bill relating to patient protection.

Press Office This bill is the result of two years of negotiations between the bill authors and involved parties. While I support their intentions, we must also recognize that changes to the healthcare system do not come free. The portion of the bill relating to the continuity of care and standing referrals will increase costs not only for the private sector but for the public sector as well. Unfortunately, the public sector costs have not been fully recognized. I believe if policy changes are made, the costs of those changes must be funded.

The Administration The authors of this bill will have the opportunity to revisit both the policy and financial implications and I encourage them to do so with the understanding that the costs associated with the State Employee Group Insurance Plan must be provided for.

Lt. Governor Sincerely,

First Lady Jesse Ventura
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