



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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May 18, 2008

The Honorable Senator James Metzen  
President of the Senate  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
322 State Capitol  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Metzen:

I have vetoed and am returning S.F. 2605, Chapter 339, a bill that will stagger the terms for appointment to the Met Council.

Appointed members of the Met Council serve at the will of the governor and the terms of the council members end with the term of the governor. This structure was the result of reforms intended to increase Met Council accountability, and this bill reduces that accountability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty  
Governor

cc: Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader  
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader  
Senator Kathy Saltzman  
Representative Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the House  
Representative Marty Seifert, Minority Leader  
Representative Aaron Peterson  
Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate  
Mr. Al Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State