



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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May 11, 2010

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Kelliher:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 312, HF 3327, a bill exempting employee reporting requirements of city-owned and county-owned hospitals.

All Minnesota government employee salary data is classified "public" pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.43, Subd.2. Minn. Stat. § 471.701 was enacted to provide greater transparency by requiring affirmative publication of salary data for certain highly compensated employees. This legislation would provide a carve-out exemption for some hospitals, thereby decreasing accountability and transparency.

Sincerely,

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

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator Gary Kubly
Representative Kurt Zellers, Minority Leader
Representative Lyle Koenen
Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
Mr. Al Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State