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May 27, 2010

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

Dear Speaker Kelliher:

I have received, approved, signed, and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 389, House File 3729, the omnibus tax bill, with the exception of the line item vetoes described below. Although transmittal of a copy of the line-item veto statement to the house of origin is not required because the Legislature has adjourned *sine die*, I wanted to share my concerns about this bill with the Legislature.

The following items of appropriation are vetoed because the local projects they fund were never vetted through the committee process where the merits of each could be publicly and properly evaluated:

- Page 154, lines 154.30 154.34: A \$100,000 appropriation to Chisago County for development of a carbon neutral industrial park.
- Page 155, lines 155.1 155.6: A \$100,000 appropriation to the city of Princeton for engineering and preliminary design for a biomass facility and industrial park improvements for renewable energy development.

The following item of appropriation is vetoed because the Commissioner never requested the appropriation and believes it is not necessary:

• <u>Page 155, lines 155.7 – 155.10</u>: A \$100,000 appropriation to the Commissioner of Revenue to be used for facility and parking improvements at the revenue department facility in Ely.

Sincerely,

Tim Pawlenty

Governor

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