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The Honorable Allan Spear
President of the Senate
120 Capitol
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 115, Senate File 1693, a bill which would alter the current procedures employees must satisfy when unionizing within the public sector.

This bill would irreparably harm the relationship between public employees and management by replacing the current anonymous union election process with one that requires filing a percentage of individual signatures. Filing of such a signature jeopardizes an employee's right to privacy causing potential repercussions by management and/or other employees.

The certification election process now in place ensures that public employees are guaranteed a fair procedure free of intimidation and coercion when deciding upon their right to organize. This bill would upset these existing safeguards.

I recognize the right of public sector employees to unionize and support the current election process.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON

Governor

- c: Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader
- Senator Dean Johnson, Minority Leader
- Representative Phil Carruthers, Speaker of the House
- Representative Steve Sviggum, Minority Leader
- Chief Senate Author(s)
- Chief House Author(s)
- Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
- Mr. Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk of the House
- Ms. Joan Anderson Growe, Secretary of State