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

Dear President Spear:

I have signed and deposited Chapter 366, Senate File 3354, with the exception of the following line item veto: page 2, section 3, lines 37-49.

I am attaching a copy of a letter I transmitted to the House of Representatives relative to this issue. Frankly, the Office of the Attorney General possesses a division that deals with consumer issues and insists on high standards of truthfulness. Those standards were not applied to the 1996/1997 budget expenditures. Money that was supposed to go for technology went, in part, for salary increases. That is troubling.

Regardless of the line-item veto, the Attorney General will receive an appropriation of \$23 million which constitutes a 13.6% increase over their previous base funding. Therefore, this line-item veto will do little more than return their service to normal.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arne H. Carlson".

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

cc: Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader
Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader
Representative Phil Carruthers, Speaker of the House
Representative Steve Sviggum, Minority Leader
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Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
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