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The Honorable Don Samuelson
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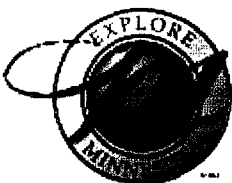
Dear President Samuelson:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Special Session Chapter Number 8, Senate File Number 7, a bill relating to transportation, public safety and judiciary, with the exception of Page 104, Article 4, Section 10, subdivision 7, lines 7-9.

This \$300,000 appropriation from FY 2001 is part of a one-time appropriation for COPS, HEAT, and Financial Crimes Investigation Unit grants. The use of FY 2001 funds would reduce the size of the estimated rebate and is unacceptable.

I am also concerned about one-time appropriations to local units of government for natural disasters and extraordinary expenses. While it's certainly appropriate to help communities that have suffered from disasters and other extraordinary circumstances, state assistance should depend on whether they have used all available local resources. The Department of Public Safety issued a 1999 report that included several recommendations for providing assistance to distressed communities. I encourage the legislature to seriously consider implementing some of these reforms in ensure that state assistance is appropriate and equitable.

Sincerely,
 Governor Jesse Ventura



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