



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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May 18, 2008

The Honorable Senator James Metzen
President of the Senate
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
322 State Capitol
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Metzen:

I have vetoed and am returning Senate File 960, Chapter 342, a bill modifying the definition of "dependents" for purposes of group benefits for local government officers and employees.

The provisions in this bill would permit unlimited expansion of employment benefits to domestic partners and others by local units of government. I vetoed nearly identical language last year, and my position has not changed.

Sincerely,

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

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator Linda Higgins
Representative Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the House
Representative Marty Seifert, Minority Leader
Representative Jim Davnie
Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Al Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State