



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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May 17, 2010

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 signed into law, with a number of line-item vetoes, the Environmental and Natural Resources omnibus bill, Chapter 361, Senate File 3275.

- Page 37, lines 37.14 – 37.18: The \$100,000 appropriation in fiscal year 2011 from the clean water fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the purpose of establishing a micro-grants pilot program to engage citizen volunteers. The purpose of this pilot program remains vague and it appears to be similar to last year's vetoed appropriation for grants to the Star Lake Board.
- Page 100, lines 100.29 – 100.30: This section allows the PUC to assess up to \$800,000 per year for supplemental staffing. In a time of when the state must live within its means, adding additional staff at the expense of Minnesota ratepayers sends the wrong message. I have therefore vetoed the words "and appropriated to the commission."
- Page 108, lines 108.11 – 108.19: The appropriation of \$90,000 to the Commissioner of Commerce for transfer to the city of Minneapolis for a grant to an organization with experience in energy conservation and energy planning. Projects of this type normally do not receive funds from the renewable development fund for localized studies and I am concerned about the precedence that this would set.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Pawlenty', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

- cc: Representative Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the House
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator Ellen Anderson
Representative Kurt Zellers, Minority Leader
Representative Jean Wagenius
Representative Mary Murphy
Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
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