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The Honorable Dee Long  
Speaker of the House  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
463 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Long:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 331, House File 1247/Senate File 867, a bill relating to motor vehicles.

At the beginning of the 1993 session the key premise underlying my budget proposal was that state government was going to live within its means. That meant no new taxes, whether they are called fees, surcharges or other contributions from Minnesota taxpayers to their government in Saint Paul. State revenues for the biennium will increase more than 9 percent. That is more than enough to fund existing programs and new initiatives deemed worthwhile.

A surcharge on automobile insurance is a hidden tax on Minnesotans. While I am persuaded that the Michigan program is a good model to reduce auto theft I do not agree with asking taxpayers to pay more and hiding the cost in their insurance premiums.

In addition, the bill creates yet another state board. I believe we have too many boards already and the mission of this board can and should be accomplished by the Department of Public Safety.

Warmest regards,

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

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c: Senator Allan Spear, President of the Senate  
Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader  
Senator Dean Johnson, Minority Leader  
Representative Steve Sviggum, Minority Leader  
Senator Phil Riveness  
Representative Mary Jo McGuire  
Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate  
Mr. Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk of the House  
Ms. Joan Anderson Growe, Secretary of State