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The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
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Dear Speaker Anderson:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of Secretary of State Chapter 178, House File 5 (with the exception of Article 2, Section 48, subdivision 2 on Page 66 lines 14 through 16, and Article 6, Section 16, subdivision 2 on page 111 lines 6 through 10).

I have line item vetoed the \$150,000 appropriation for "Food Stamp Outreach." Outreach programs of this type have been implemented with very little additional effect in the past, and I do not feel that it is appropriate to use taxpayer dollars with the sole intent of expanding enrollment in welfare entitlement programs.

I have also line item vetoed the \$6,427,000 for the newly created "Temporary County Assistance" program. The program, which provides one time cash handouts to adults without children, is an ineffective use of taxpayer dollars. This new program seems to be a revamped version of the Work Readiness program which I eliminated in my budget recommendations to the legislature. As I have stated consistently since the beginning of the 1995 legislative session, we must eliminate welfare for able bodied adults without children. We cannot afford to carry those who should carry their own weight.

The rest of the 1995 welfare reform bill contains positive steps in the direction of solid welfare reform. The bill focuses on the importance of work in several ways. The highly successful Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) was expanded into Ramsey County, welfare for adults without children is eliminated, and waivers will be sought to eliminate rules that penalize AFDC recipients who do find part time work. The bill also includes funding for the WorkFIRST pilot program. Teen parents will be required to live at home with their parents or a guardian if they are to receive benefits. Fraud prevention efforts are increased, and the bill establishes a monthly Earned Income Tax Credit program to provide monthly tax credit delivery to qualified low-income working families.

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Again, I would like to express my appreciation to you and the other members of the conference committee for your efforts in putting together this bill.

Warmest regards,



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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- Senator Dean Johnson, Minority Leader
- Representative Steve Sviggum, Minority Leader
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