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

(Higher Ed.)

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 214, House File Number 2380, a bill appropriating money for higher education, with the following exceptions:

Page 7, article 1, section 3, subdivision 3, lines 33-50 (\$100,000 appropriation from the health care access fund to MnSCU for tuition waivers for employees of health care or human services employers participating in a new program enacted in the Health and Human Services omnibus bill). I am vetoing this appropriation for three reasons.

First, I do not support creating a new spending program from the health care access fund.

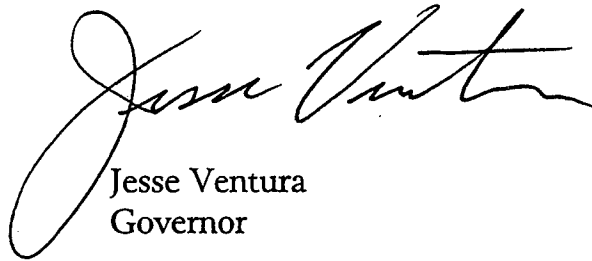
Second, the waivers are not broadly available to all workers employed in entry-level direct care human services or health care jobs, only to those who attend a MnSCU institution and whose employer participates in the new state program.

Finally, I believe that our higher education systems need to become more responsive to changing job market conditions. Instead of legislatively creating special programs every second year, I want our postsecondary schools to develop an ongoing structure and strategy that uses their flexibility to identify emerging education and training needs, and then market those classes to potential students.

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Page 9, article 1, section 4, subdivision 4, lines 44-52 (a one-time appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 from the lottery prize fund to the University of Minnesota for research, clinical work, treatment, or teaching related to compulsive gambling addiction). I simply do not support spending public dollars for such an open-ended proposal when there are numerous existing studies and other ways to fund such research.

Sincerely,



Jesse Ventura
Governor

- c: Senator Allan Spear, President of the Senate
- Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader
- Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader
- Representative Tom Pugh, Minority Leader
- Chief Senate Author(s)
- Chief House Author(s)
- Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
- Mr. Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk of the House
- Ms. Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State