



STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JESSE VENTURA

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May 25, 1999

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

(*Ec. Dev.*)

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 223, House File Number 2390, a bill appropriating money for economic development, with the following exceptions:

Page 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, lines 54-56 (\$300,000 for Owatonna infrastructure improvements). This is a reimbursement for a commitment made by a local unit of government for infrastructure associated with an economic development project. Reimbursement after the fact for this local decision is not an acceptable way to consider commitments by the state.

Page 11, article 1, section 4, subdivision 2, lines 2-18 (\$126,000 the first year and \$126,000 the second year for grants to Advocating Change Together, Inc.). This non-profit organization already receives funding from the Department of Economic Security, and duplicates the services of existing programs.

Page 12, article 1, section 4, subdivision 4, lines 4-7 (\$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year for grants to St. Paul's District 5 Planning Council). This project received funding as a pilot program in 1997 and provides very localized benefit. It should compete with other project for state funds.

Page 22, article 1, section 14, lines 11-15 (\$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year for operation of the Labor Interpretive Center). I

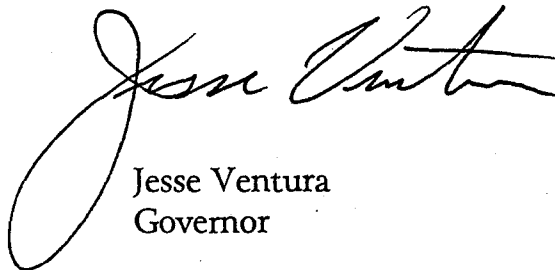
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have been clear in my position that any exhibit commemorating the role of labor in the state is more appropriately coordinated through an exhibit of the Minnesota Historical Society, instead of a stand alone facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Ventura". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jesse Ventura
Governor

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