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April 1, 1999

The Honorable Allan Spear  
President of the Senate  
120 Capitol  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 27, Senate File Number 609, a bill requiring new landscape irrigation systems to include a specific rain check device.

I veto this bill today because I believe it is a classic example of unnecessary government intervention to solve a problem that is better left to the judgment of manufacturers and consumers. Citizens who are heavy users of irrigation systems and are concerned about the conservation of water should be willing to pay a little extra for these devices in return for lowering their water bills, without the burden of a government mandate that will be virtually impossible to enforce. Manufacturers who are concerned about being competitive would do well to either absorb the costs of these devices or demonstrate the value to consumers, without turning to government to force all competitors to act in a similar manner.

This bill runs counter to my administration's beliefs and principles, and I cannot, in good faith, support legislation that creates more unnecessary government regulation.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura

Governor