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Veto Message Chapter 492, HF4078

May 16, 2000

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

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

It is my duty to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 492, House File Number 4078. I believe the Legislature has done a good job in keeping the overall size of this bill limited and has recognized the state's priority investments. I have respected those efforts and signed into law most of the projects authorized in the bill, with the following exceptions:

Page 26, article 1, section 14, lines 46-54 *Lanesboro*
 Page 27, article 1, section 14, lines 1-5 *Arthur Lanesboro*
 Page 14, article 1, section 5, subd. 11, lines 47-55 *multicultural library grants*
 Page 24, article 1, section 10, subd. 5, lines 11-22 *ag innovation center*
 Page 35, article 1, section 22, subd. 7, lines 59-60 *retaining walls*
 Page 36, article 1, section 22, subd. 7, lines 1-3 *cold weather ~~fasting~~ retaining walls*
 Page 21, article 1, section 7, subd. 30, lines 6-14 *St. Croix Heritage Center*
 Page 27, article 1, section 14, subd. 3, lines 6-21 *Arthur*
 Page 29, article 1, section 18, subd. 2, lines 52-61 *organ mobile center*
 Page 30, article 1, section 18, subd. 2, lines 1-8 " " "
 Page 36, article 1, section 22, subd. 9, lines 11-26 *cold weather center*

I am vetoing the following appropriations: \$1,000,000 to the Lanesboro Center for the Arts, \$1,511,000 million for Multicultural Development Grants, \$500,000 for the Center for Agricultural Innovation Center in Olivia, \$100,000 for the Landfall HRA for retaining walls, and \$150,000 for the St. Croix Valley

Heritage Center. I believe that local or private funding is the most appropriate financing source for each of these projects.

I am vetoing the \$3,000,000 appropriation to the City of Minneapolis for the Guthrie Theatre Foundation. Projects of this nature should, at a minimum, be able to demonstrate significant local and philanthropic financial commitments *prior* to a request for state funding. I also believe additional policy discussions should take place before establishing a commitment by the state to funding arts capital requests.

I am vetoing \$135,000 to the Department of Health for the purposes of funding the Organ Donor Vehicle. There are a variety of health-related causes that are worthy of public education but it is not the state's role to single out one cause or outreach mechanism. This vehicle and the subsequent educational materials should be funded through private sources.

I am also vetoing \$2,700,000 for the Cold Weather Testing Center in International Falls. I am concerned that public funding for this operation would compete with other cold weather testing centers in the region.

The last provision where I have some concerns are those in Article 1, Section 20, sub. 2, the grants for the law enforcement training facilities. Camp Ripley is a centrally-located, state-operated property that should be used to its maximum potential. I have chosen not to veto this language or funding. However, I have instructed the Commissioner of Finance not to release these funds until this Administration is persuaded that the development of local training facilities will not adversely affect the training opportunities offered at Camp Ripley.

Finally, for all the aforementioned projects that were vetoed, I believe that there were more pressing state needs that could have been addressed with these funds.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura
Governor

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Ms. Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State