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Policy

The Honorable Don Samuelson  
 President of the Senate  
 120 State Capitol  
 Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

For Citizens

Dear President Samuelson:

Press Office

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 114, Senate File Number 1528, a bill relating to a special law for the City of Edina that would allow the City to prohibit a homeowner from using recreational motor vehicles on their own property.

The Administration

Lt. Governor

I believe that laws that restrict a person from doing as they want on their own land should not be enacted capriciously. Existing laws, like the nuisance law, which help to regulate the balance between a property owner's right to do as they want on their property, and the larger community's interest, are sufficient to address the problem this bill seeks to rectify.

First Lady

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Enacting this type of law for a specific community also troubles me. It begs the question in my mind that if this is good for one city, why have other cities around the state not sought this type of legislation. Simply, it seems very odd to give one community in the state authority to restrict a homeowner's property rights without examining whether other communities are supportive of this type of legislation.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura  
 Governor

cc: Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader  
 Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader

Representative Steve Sviggum, Speaker of the House  
Representative Tom Pugh, Minority Leader  
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Chief House Author  
Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate  
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