May 17, 2001

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

Dear President Samuelson:

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.

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.

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

http://www.mainserver.state.mn.us/governor/may_17_veto_message.html
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