



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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May 16, 2009

The Honorable Margaret Kelliher
Speaker of the House
463 State Office Building
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Speaker Kelliher:

I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 94, House File 1122, the omnibus agriculture and veterans bill with the exception of the line item vetoes listed below.

1. Page 4, line 4.15 and 4.16: This bill appropriates \$100,000 each year for sustainable agriculture grants funded through the Department of Agriculture. I am exercising a line item veto to delete the language "and \$100,000 the second year" from page 4, lines 4.15 – 4.16. This veto eliminates the second year of funding for this program. The remaining \$100,000 will allow the department to fund the most worthy projects.
2. Page 11, line 11.8 – 11.18: A \$30,000 appropriation for the development of a star farms program. While the development of such a program may have merit, it does not rise to the level of a top priority considering the state's budget situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

Speaker Kelliher/HF 1122

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cc: Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator Jim Vickerman
Representative Marty Seifert, Minority Leader
Representative Al Juhnke
Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
Mr. Al Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State