



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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May 10, 2010

The Honorable Senator James Metzen
President of the Senate
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
322 State Capitol Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Metzen:

I have vetoed and am returning Senate File 2226, Chapter 291.

This bill is unneeded because the current coercion statute (Minn. Stat. 609.27, Subd. 1) already provides criminal penalties for the behavior this bill seeks to prohibit.

Sincerely,

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

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Representative Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the House
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator Sandy Rummel
Representative Kurt Zellers, Minority Leader
Representative Paul Gardner
Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
Mr. Albin Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State