May 15, 2010

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Kelliher:

I have signed into law, with a number of line-item vetoes, the LCCMR appropriations bill, Chapter 362, House File 2624.

- **Page 17, lines 13 to 19:** A $143,000 appropriation for the Analysis of Options for Minnesota’s Energy Independence. This project has a similar objective to the project vetoed last year and although the study focus has been amended, it remains vague and focused largely on existing research. Again, in times of financial crisis we must be extra prudent with the expenditures we approve.

Sincerely,

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate
    Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
    Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
    Senator Ellen Anderson
    Representative Kurt Zellers, Minority Leader
    Representative Jean Wagenius
    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