



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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May 10, 2017

The Honorable Kurt Daudt
Speaker of the House
State Office Building, Room 463
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 31, House File 809.

House File 809 infringes upon women's basic right to health and safety- a right of every woman, regardless of the type of health insurance she has. The law already states that state funding may only be used for abortions in cases of rape or incest, for health or therapeutic reasons, and when a woman's life is in danger. This bill would interfere with critical medical decisions that should be made between a woman and her doctor.

All women deserve to be healthy and safe. I will not approve a bill that infringes upon Minnesotans' Constitutionally-protected rights, discriminates against women because of their socioeconomic status, or does not protect their health and safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, President of the Senate
Senator Paul E. Gazelka, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Senate Minority Leader
Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, Senate
Representative Melissa Hortman, House Minority Leader
Representative Mary Franson, House
The Honorable Steve Simon, Secretary of State
Mr. Cal R. Ludeman, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Patrick Murphy, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Paul Marinac, Revisor of Statutes