



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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May 16, 2018

The Honorable Michelle Fischbach
President of the Senate
2113 Minnesota Senate Office Building
95 University Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF 2849 Requiring physicians to allow viewing of ultrasound imaging prior to an abortion

Dear Madam President:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 142, Senate File 2849, a bill requiring physicians to invite the viewing of ultrasound imaging prior to an abortion.

The bill interferes with the doctor-patient relationship, legislating the private conversations that occur about a legal medical procedure. In addition, providers are already fulfilling their legal, ethical, and professional duties to fully inform their patients of the benefits, risks, and alternatives of any medical procedure. They are the reasons why I join the Minnesota Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Minnesota Section, in opposing this legislation.

Sincerely,

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

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Senator Paul E. Gazelka, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Senate Minority Leader
Senator Michelle Benson, Chief Senate Author
Representative Kurt Daudt, Speaker of the House
Representative Melissa Hortman, House Minority Leader
Representative Abigail Whelan, Chief House Author
The Honorable Steve Simon, Secretary of State
Mr. Cal Ludeman, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Patrick Murphy, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Paul Marinac, Revisor of Statutes