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The Honorable Allan Spear President of the Senate G-27 Capitol Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of Secretary of State, Chapter 265, Senate File 371, the omnibus transportation funding bill (with the exception of Article 2, section 2, page 10, lines 57-58 and Article 2, section 2, page 11, lines 1-36).

The 1994 Legislature authorized \$200,000 to study and test road-powered electric vehicle technology by E-TRAN, Inc. Serious concerns have been raised by the evaluation panel members, consisting of MnDOT and the University of Minnesota staff. Those concerns include: Snowplows damaging the ground mounted power rail; loss of power during wet conditions; and small puddles of gasoline on the roads could be dangerous with sparks from ground mounted power rail.

Development of this technology does not appear practical for public transit. Because there is little promise of use on our public road system, continued subsidy and study would not be an appropriate use of trunk highway funds.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON

Governor

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