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May 25, 1999

The Honorable Steve Sviggum Speaker of the House of Representatives 463 State Office Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

(Family + Early ch.)

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 205, House File Number 1467, a bill appropriating money for family and early childhood programs, with the following exceptions:

Page 67, article 4, section 12, subdivision 3, lines 30-32 Page 67, article 4, section 12, subdivision 3, lines 33-36 Page 68, article 4, section 12, subdivision 3, lines 1-6 Page 69, article 4, section 12, subdivision 11, lines 30-36 Page 70, article 4, section 12, subdivision 11, line 1

In my budget, I recommend that state agencies have the flexibility to serve their statewide purpose. The following programs: \$50,000 each year for Kids Capacity Initiative, \$25,000 for the biennium for Perspectives, Inc., and \$25,000 per year for the Meadowbrook Collaborative Housing Project are meritorious projects, however, I prefer these organizations to go through the competitive grant process developed by the Department of Children Families and Learning. For this reason I have vetoed these appropriations.

I have also vetoed \$75,000 per year for GED on TV. This appropriation provides a specific grant to one organization with limited statewide impact. While assisting Minnesotans to receive their GED is an important function, this bill already provides over \$42.6 million dollars for Adult Basic Education services.

Sincerely, is and

Jesse Ventura Governor

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