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The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher Speaker of the House of Representatives 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 463 State Office Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Anderson Kelliher:

I have vetoed and am returning House File 886, Chapter 38. The bill authorizes more than four times more spending on projects than I requested and is simply too large.

In odd numbered years, our Minnesota tradition and expectation is that bonding bills address emergency needs and consensus items. The DFL majority exercised no restraint in passing this bill.

Your disregard for this limited agenda is very unfortunate because many fine projects may be delayed. Emergency needs such as Browns Valley, meritorious items such as the Veterans Memorial, and previously agreed upon projects such as the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center should have been easily passed in this session. I hope you will address these issues and my other concerns immediately.

I have repeatedly communicated my expectations about the timing and the composition of the bill. This situation is unfortunate and should have been avoided.

Tim Pawlenty

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