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The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher Speaker, Minnesota House of Representatives 463 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Speaker Anderson Kelliher:

I have vetoed and am returning House File 412, Chapter 104.

The Legislature has taken action on numerous bills relating to homeowner warranties this session. Although this legislation may be well-intentioned, we should be cautious about placing more burdens on the housing sector during this historic recession.

This bill extends the current 10-year warranty requirement to 12 years. The current period of 10 years in current law seems sufficient. The legislation also applies not only to future cases, but current cases as well. Changing the rules in the middle of the game is unfair and unwise.

I encourage the authors to work towards a solution that addresses the issue of home defects without driving up the costs and burdens on contractors.

Sincerely

Tim Pawlenty Governor

cc: Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader Senator Sandy Rummel Representative Marty Seifert, Minority Leader Representative Julie Bunn Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative) Mr. Al Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State

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