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Sincerely,

JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

[NOTE: * Indicates line-item veto.]

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SAINT PAUL 55155

April 3, 1996

The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 423, House File No. 66, a bill that would create a Board of Licensed Professional Counseling.

The state should tread lightly when it comes to occupational regulation. If there is a need for regulation, the state should impose the minimum amount of regulation necessary to protect the public.

This bill, however, calls for the full-blown licensure of a myriad of professionals and creates yet another state board to regulate this proposed licensed group. At the same time, the bill exempts from licensure and board oversight a number of other professionals who offer the exact same type of services. It seems that if there is a valid public policy reason to more rigorously regulate counseling provided to the public, then we should address the problem in a comprehensive fashion, not in this piecemeal approach.

It should also be noted that there is already an existing government mechanism to investigate unlicensed counselors when the public has complaints against them. One option that should be explored before leaping to licensure is increasing existing state oversight.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor