



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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December 15, 2016

The Honorable Kurt Daudt
Speaker of the House
Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort
5 Estate Bakkeroe St. Thomas 00802
Virgin Islands (US)

Dear Speaker Daudt:

In response to your December 15th, 2016 letter, it is clear that you keep looking for excuses to avoid a Special Session on the Tax Bill or Bonding Bill. I sent you my proposed legislation last Tuesday and set a deadline of 5:00pm this afternoon for an agreement. Now, two days later and less than five hours before my deadline, you respond with more obfuscation. If you don't like one or two items in the Bonding Bill you could have said so two days ago and we could have resolved those differences. Otherwise, the removal of the cash and the earmarked highway projects conforms to what I and others heard you say in our December 2nd meeting.

I don't know what you're talking about in regards to the Tax Bill changes, except if you had any communication with your Tax Chair, you would know that Commissioner Bauerly and he have been discussing for months the necessity to change effective dates in order to implement the bill.

I have not spoken with you for almost two weeks, since you have been in Hawaii and the Virgin Islands. You have not bothered to contact me to express your concerns. You have provided little leadership to your own Caucus Members or to our group of Caucus Leaders, who have been attempting to bring these bills to a Special Session next Tuesday.

If I do not reach an agreement with you by 5:00pm CST today, I will not support taking up the Tax and Bonding Bills next Tuesday. That leaves the question: Are you agreeable to a Special Session next Tuesday, December 20th, to provide health care premium relief to 121,000 Minnesotans? I will await your response to that question and will need to receive it by noon tomorrow, if we are to proceed to a Special Session next Tuesday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor