

## **STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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The Honorable Kurt Daudt Speaker of the House State Office Building, Room 463 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 31, House File 809.

House File 809 infringes upon women's basic right to health and safety- a right of every woman, regardless of the type of health insurance she has. The law already states that state funding may only be used for abortions in cases of rape or incest, for health or therapeutic reasons, and when a woman's life is in danger. This bill would interfere with critical medical decisions that should be made between a woman and her doctor.

All women deserve to be healthy and safe. I will not approve a bill that infringes upon Minnesotans' Constitutionally-protected rights, discriminates against women because of their socioeconomic status, or does not protect their health and safety.

Mark Dayton Governor

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