



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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Dear Friends –

Thank you to the people of Luverne for graciously hosting the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener. I was so looking forward to joining all of you for this weekend's events. Unfortunately, I am recovering from back surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. I can assure you, I would much rather be with you!

Over the past eight years, the Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener has become a very special Minnesota tradition, made possible by our tremendous host communities. Your hard work over the last year to plan and pull off this spectacular event is greatly appreciated – by all Minnesotans, who cherish our outdoor traditions. It is a testament to the character of your people, the pride you have in your city, and the passion we all share for our state's treasured natural resources.

Again, thank you for your hard work. Bag a rooster for me this weekend. Even better, teach a young person to hunt and respect Minnesota's great outdoors. That is one of the greatest investments any of us can make to deliver an even Better Minnesota for our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

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

Mark Dayton
Governor