



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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June 2, 2016

The Honorable Kurt Daudt
Speaker of the House
Room 463, State Office Bldg.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Daudt:

I take strong exception to your charge, in your June 1, 2016 letter to me, that I am holding the Omnibus Tax bill "hostage" to an acceptable Bonding bill in a Special Session. It is certainly not my fault that the tax bill contained an error, which would cost the state treasury \$101 million in lost revenues over the next three fiscal years.

While I appreciate your willingness to agree to correct this error, the Commissioner of Revenue has advised me that only a correction to the statute, enacted by the full legislature, will allow the Department to administer the provision differently than currently written and be assured of withstanding the otherwise expected court challenge by some, who would benefit from this error.

Additionally, if I were to sign the current tax bill and an agreement could not be reached to call a Special Session, that provision would become law and take effect on July 1, 2016, causing the revenue loss described above.

Lt. Governor Smith and I remain available to meet with you and the other Caucus leaders at your earliest convenience. I see no reason why we cannot quickly reach agreement on the terms for a Special Session, hold it in the very near future, and bring proper closure to the 2016 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

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

Mark Dayton
Governor