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TO: Cabinet Commissioners

FROM: Matt Massman, Commissioner  
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SUBJECT: Our Shared Commitment to Workplace Safety and Injury Prevention

Our workforce is key to building a better Minnesota. We cannot accomplish our missions without safe employees and safe workplaces. We need our employees at work every day, delivering important services to Minnesotans.

In 2012, Governor Dayton demonstrated his commitment to workplace safety, directing his cabinet to reduce workplace injuries by 25 percent over three years. This commitment became known as **MnSAFE (Safety Accountability From Everyone)**.



Your efforts to date have “turned the curve” and resulted in a 23 percent reduction in workplace injuries, equating to nearly **1,000 fewer injuries** to state employees.

Now, Governor Dayton has renewed his commitment by signing the attached *Commitment to Workplace Safety*. Under this renewed commitment, he is directing each commissioner to **reduce** workplace injuries by **5 percent annually** for the next four years. Please discuss this effort with your leadership team and safety personnel, and begin considering how you will work to achieve the Governor’s target.

To support your efforts, Admin’s Risk Management Division will continue to report quarterly results and make resources available on both the [MnSAFE](#) and [Admin websites](#). We also encourage you to contact Todd Christenson if you have MnSAFE questions or would like support. He can be reached by phone at 651-201-3005 or by email at [todd.christenson@state.mn.us](mailto:todd.christenson@state.mn.us).

Please join us in showing your support by signing the *Commitment to Workplace Safety*. Admin staff will be following up with your office shortly to secure your electronic signature.

Thank you.