

STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON GOVERNOR

January 7, 2011

Mr. James Nobles
Legislative Auditor
140 Centennial Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Nobles:

I understand that your December 2010 audit of the Department of Revenue has resulted in a criminal investigation into the alleged embezzlement of approximately \$2 million over several years by an individual who was an employee of that Department. I share your concern that this allegedly criminal conduct has implicated not only the employee but also the lack of internal controls, which neither prevented the embezzlement nor brought it to light in a timely manner.

I request that you undertake a detailed examination of the Department's internal controls to ensure that this kind of criminal fraud against the State of Minnesota cannot be committed again. I am mindful of the warnings you have issued previously that the management of certain state agencies lacks the necessary oversight and controls to prevent the misuse of public money.

I look forward to your report and your recommendations to ensure that any past criminal conduct cannot be repeated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Dayton", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Dayton
Governor