



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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May 28, 2014

The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas
President of the Senate
Room 120, State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Madam President:

I have received, approved, signed, and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State Chapter 293, Senate File 1770, the Timberjay bill, with the exception of the line item veto listed below:

- Page 1, lines 1.15-1.17: “Receipts credited to the account are appropriated to the legislative auditor for the purpose of oversight relating to security of data stored and transmitted by state systems.”

I have great respect for the Legislative Auditor and the important work of his office to promote accountability among state agencies, improve how state government operates, and ensure we are good stewards of taxpayer dollars. It is with those same principles in mind that I regretfully line item veto this open and standing appropriation.

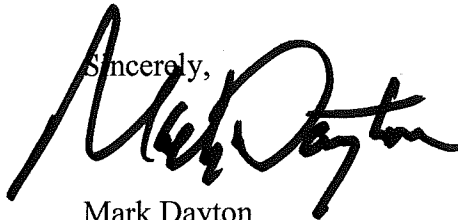
It is not fiscally responsible to appropriate an ongoing amount of money without articulating the cost to perform the new duties outlined in the law. By next session, the Department of Public Safety will be better able to estimate the revenue generated to the data security account, and the Legislative Auditor will have time to estimate the cost to provide oversight relating to the security of data stored by all state systems.

In addition, I am concerned that the Legislature did not include an appropriation to MN.IT Services. Data security is an important state-wide issue; yet this legislation focuses only on the Commissioner of Public Safety’s prudent efforts to better ensure the security and proper usage of driver license and license plate data by third parties. One of MN.IT’s primary duties is to identify and manage potential vulnerabilities in state systems before they are exploited by those who wish to gain access to sensitive state data.

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Finally, existing law already provides the Legislative Auditor broad authority to oversee state agency data security. I welcome that oversight and appreciate the Legislature's strong commitment to data security. I urge the Legislature to work with interested parties next session to ensure there is proper funding and oversight across state government for the protection of private data.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Dayton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

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