



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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May 16, 2018

The Honorable Michelle Fischbach  
President of the Senate  
2113 Minnesota Senate Office Building  
95 University Ave. W.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF 2849 Requiring physicians to allow viewing of ultrasound imaging prior to an abortion

Dear Madam President:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 142, Senate File 2849, a bill requiring physicians to invite the viewing of ultrasound imaging prior to an abortion.

The bill interferes with the doctor-patient relationship, legislating the private conversations that occur about a legal medical procedure. In addition, providers are already fulfilling their legal, ethical, and professional duties to fully inform their patients of the benefits, risks, and alternatives of any medical procedure. They are the reasons why I join the Minnesota Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Minnesota Section, in opposing this legislation.

Sincerely,

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

Mark Dayton  
Governor

cc: Senator Paul E. Gazelka, Senate Majority Leader  
Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Senate Minority Leader  
Senator Michelle Benson, Chief Senate Author  
Representative Kurt Daudt, Speaker of the House  
Representative Melissa Hortman, House Minority Leader  
Representative Abigail Whelan, Chief House Author  
The Honorable Steve Simon, Secretary of State  
Mr. Cal Ludeman, Secretary of the Senate  
Mr. Patrick Murphy, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
Mr. Paul Marinac, Revisor of Statutes