

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT INNOVATION AND VETERANS

December 9, 2011

Governor Mark Dayton
State Capitol Building
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Dayton,

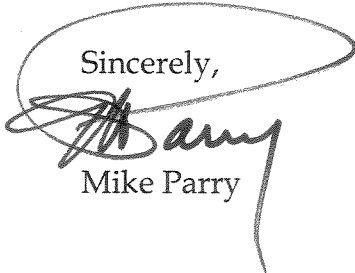
I was disappointed to hear that my recent remarks drove you to cancel the meeting we had scheduled for this morning. I know we have had our differences, but putting our state on a sustainable fiscal path is something we must continue to work together on. I am sure we can agree that as elected officials it is about doing what is best for the people of Minnesota. I would hate to see our political differences get in the way of that.

As chair of the committee on State Government Innovations and Veterans, I have a lot of ideas to reform the state budget and honor those that serve our country. In the coming session, I will continue to use my committee to push fiscal reform and improved services for the many veterans of Minnesota and their families. I would like nothing more than to have you as a partner in this endeavor.

As we have proven when you commended my leadership to restore funding for the Honor Guard, our offices can work together for the betterment of the state. We must not let our political differences get in the way of the progress we have made and can continue to make.

I remain available for a meeting this morning should you change your mind. If not, I would suggest that you and I meet for coffee in the coming weeks to "bury the hatchet" and find areas where we can work together.

Sincerely,



Mike Parry