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MURIEL HUMPHREY  
MINNESOTA

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 14, 1978

Dear Emily Ann:

Just a note to thank you for your letter  
of support. Do keep in touch.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Muriel".

Muriel Humphrey

Honorable Emily Anne Staples  
State Senator  
23G Minnesota Capitol  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

75 Mt. Auburn Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

May 16, 1978

Emily Anne Staples  
Senator, 43rd District  
23G Minnesota Capitol  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Emily Staples,

I'm sorry, but I have to disagree with you.  
I've observed politicians first hand for years --  
both in the North and the South -- and all too  
many of them are exactly what I said they are.  
Maybe it's better in Minnesota. I rather think  
so!

Sincerely,

*Robert Coles*

Robert Coles

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1978

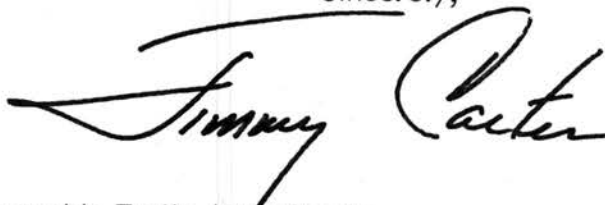
To Senator Emily Staples

You are to be commended for the contribution you made as a participant in the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development. The oral reports presented to me at the final Conference session and the formal workshop documents from which they were drawn will make a valuable contribution to the formulation of my Administration's domestic policy.

As you may be aware, the Conference is but one step in a process that will culminate in a final report to be sent to me later this year. I am sure that the Conference staff will keep you apprised of this process and would welcome additional comments and observations.

I would like to thank you personally for investing your time and energies in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jimmy Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "J" and a distinct "Carter" at the end.

The Honorable Emily Anne Staples  
Senator of the State of Minnesota  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155



THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1978

The Honorable Emily Ann Staples  
Minnesota State Representative  
State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

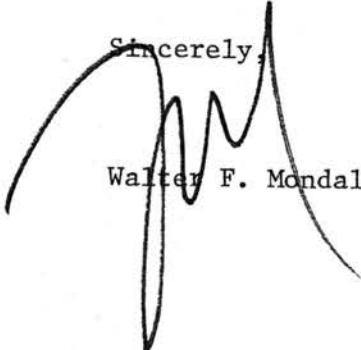
Dear Emily Ann,

Enclosed are copies of pictures taken of  
us during your recent visit to Washington. I  
thought you might like to see them.

Keep up the good work.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



Walter F. Mondale

**EMILY ANNE STAPLES**

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235 Minnesota Capitol  
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Plymouth, Minnesota 55391  
(612) 473-9120

**Senate**  
**State of Minnesota**

April 1, 1980

Mr. Salisbury Adams  
Myrtlewood Road  
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

Dear Sals:

Congratulations on your confirmation as Chairman  
of the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission.  
Also, compliments on your handsome annual report.

If there is any way I can be of assistance, please  
don't hesitate to call on me. Hope to see you  
soon,

Best regards,



Emily Anne Staples  
State Senator

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**Senate**  
**State of Minnesota**

April 1, 1980

Mr. Robert W. Bonine  
2376 Pagel Road  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Bob:

Congratulations on your confirmation for service on the Higher Education Coordinating Board. I was very pleased to see that you were appointed and am sure that you will do an outstanding job. If there is any way I can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Best regards,

*Emily Anne*

Emily Anne Staples  
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April 1, 1980

Mr. Richard Dunn  
17815 - 4th Avenue North  
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

Dear Dick:

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Best regards,

Emily Anne Staples  
State Senator

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1980

Dear Senator Staples:

Mrs. Mondale was so pleased that you thought of her as you make plans for the second anniversary of the Displaced Homemaker Program. She shares your interest in finding solutions for the problems of displaced homemakers and she is disappointed that her April schedule won't permit her to join you in celebrating your second year.

With best wishes for the continued success of your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Bess Abell', is written over a horizontal line.

Bess Abell  
Executive Assistant to  
Mrs. Mondale

The Honorable Emily Anne Staples  
235 Minnesota Capitol  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
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April 15, 1980

Judson Gooding, Executive Editor

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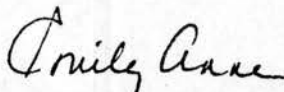
708 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10017

Dear Jud:

I read the article about you in the Minneapolis Star and immediately purchased a copy of NEXT. It looks fascinating and it is an area in which I have long had a very serious interest. I haven't had a chance to read the entire issue but particularly appreciated the articles about the futurists, including Bob Theobald who has been a friend/acquaintance for several years.

Keep up the good work and next time you are going to be in the area, let us know because it would be great to see you. In the meantime, all our best regards to Françoise. Loring sends his regards as well.

Fondly,



Emily Anne Staples  
State Senator

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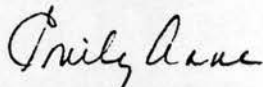
Bob Theobald  
Box 1531  
153-1/2 Jefferson Street  
Wickenburg, Arizona 85358

Dear Bob:

I have just read the article in NEXT magazine. I see you are still moving ahead of the game and wish I were in a position to do more at the level of government. However, we do seem to be doing more in the area of future planning than in the past.

It would be good to hear from you again. If you have any deep thoughts on directions government could be taking, please let me know. In the meantime, I think of you occasionally and would love to have you touch base if you are ever in this area.

Best regards,



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April 15, 1980

David Stanley, Vice President  
Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood  
Multifoods Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear David:

Congratulations on your new job! I am crushed that you will be leaving Minneapolis, but it sounds like an opportunity you couldn't refuse. If you have a chance before you disappear to Kansas City I would love to strategize with you -- but if you don't, you know that we are wishing you all the best.

Thank you for your tender loving care of Missy. She was very pleased at the interest you showed during your phone conversation. I really think she will stay in the housing field, and I hope she will find a challenging new opportunity.

I am planning to have lunch with your daughter, Kate, tomorrow. She's doing an excellent job and I am very impressed.

Fondly,

*Emily Anne*

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State Senator

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**State of Minnesota**

April 15, 1980

Suzanne Marie Riedesel  
2910 Urbandale Lane North  
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

Dear Suzanne:

Senator Pillsbury has forwarded your letter of March 17 to me for response as you apparently reside in my district.

I appreciate hearing your views on the issues and will keep them in mind as we move through forthcoming legislative sessions.

Thanks so much for writing.

Best regards,

*Emily Anne Staples*

Emily Anne Staples  
State Senator

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no previous corresp.

Suzanne Marie Riedesel  
2910 Urbandale Lane North  
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

March 77, 1986

Dear Senator Pillsbury:

I am choosing to write  
to voice my support of  
legislation regarding:

- ① Right to life
  - ② Anti-abortion
  - ③ Anti-drugs (including marijuana)
  - ④ Anti-drug paraphernalia
  - ⑤ Anti-cults
  - ⑥ Anti-Secular Humanism
  - ⑦ Anti-Children's Rights
  - ⑧ Registration of women for  
armed services
  - ⑨ Raising alcohol drinking  
age to 21.
  - ⑩ Freedom of children to pray  
in school.
  - ⑪ anti-creation from a strictly  
scientific viewpoint - include  
GOD's viewpoint
- over



Sincerely  
S. M. Redise

**GEORGE S. PILLSBURY**

Senator 42nd District  
1320 Bracketts Point Road  
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391  
(612) 473-9634

**Offices:**

130 State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155  
(612) 296-4121  
930 Dain Tower  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402  
(612) 338-3873

## Senate

State of Minnesota

March 27, 1980

Ms. Suzanne Marie Riedesel  
2910 Urbandale Lane North  
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

Dear Suzanne:

Thank you for your letter of March 17. I appreciate your taking the time to let me know how you feel on various issues.

In checking your address, I discovered that you actually live in Senator Staples district. Therefore, I am forwarding your letter to her.

Again, good to hear from you and best regards.

Sincerely,

GSP/jv

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**Senate**  
**State of Minnesota**

April 15, 1980

Nettie Anderson  
3519 Shady Oak Road  
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343

Dear Nettie:

Thank you so much for your letter of support  
on S. F. 2027. I'm glad to report that the  
Governor recently signed it into law.

Thanks again for writing.

Best regards,

*Emily Anne Staples*

Emily Anne Staples  
State Senator

/bwm

3/15/80

Senator Emily Staples  
235 State Capitol  
St. Paul, Minn 55101

Dear Senator Staples:

Please continue your  
strong support for state  
file # 2027 when it is  
heard in front of the  
week.

Continuing funds are  
desperately needed.

Thank you —

Sincerely,  
Yvette Anderson  
2519 Macy Ave. S.E.  
Minneapolis 55403

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**Senate**  
**State of Minnesota**

April 15, 1980

State of Minnesota  
Documents Division  
117 University Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a check for \$18.20 (\$17.50 + tax)  
for a state flag.

Please send the flag to my residence at 1640 Xanthus  
Lane, Plymouth, Minnesota 55391.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Emily Anne Staples*

Emily Anne Staples  
State Senator

/bwm

# Minnesota

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

480 CEDAR STREET  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101



November 7, 1978

Senator Emily Anne Staples  
235 State Capitol  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Emily Anne:

I met with Erle Savage last Friday, and we had a good discussion about capital needs of small businesses. While his own proposal is still somewhat sketchy, I encouraged him to meet with our task force to discuss his experience and ideas in more detail. I will arrange for that meeting as the task force progresses. I also suggested to him to he pursue his concern about regulatory problems with John Larson, who will be holding hearings on this very topic in the coming months. Between the two of us, I think we can give Erle a couple of good forums for his concerns.

If there is anything else I can do on this matter, please let me know.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark".

Mark B. Dayton  
Acting Commissioner

MBD:mmh

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER





# Minnesota

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

480 CEDAR STREET  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101



November 7, 1978

Mr. Erle Savage  
2406 Woodwinds Lane  
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

Dear Erle:

Thanks very much for the chance to get together last Friday and discuss your ideas for making venture capital available to new companies. As we discussed, this concern is deeply felt by our department. This is a critically important area for Minnesota's future economic growth. As I mentioned then, we have established a Venture Capital Task Force to help us tackle this issue and develop recommendations to the 1979 legislative session. I hope that you will be willing to meet with the task force and share your own experience as well as your interesting new proposal with them.

I am glad that you had the opportunity also to meet with John Larson, Commissioner of Securities. John is sharing one of our task force subcommittees on the regulatory obstacles to capital formation. He intends to hold public hearings on this subject during November and December. Your input there would be tremendously valuable in helping to identify some of the problems which the state must correct to allow new entrepreneurs to get into business in our state.

Again, Erle, thanks very much for taking your time to get together. I think that our efforts will benefit greatly from your expertise and suggestions. I will be back in touch with you as the task force develops. I will suggest also to John Larson that he contact you when his hearings are scheduled.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Dayton".

Mark B. Dayton  
Acting Commissioner

cc: Senator Emily Anne Staples  
Commissioner John Larson  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Joyce-

On Wed Mark Dayton called. It seems that Sen Staples had given him the name of Earl Savage to call but he doesn't have the telephone number and wonders if you can find it amongst her stuff.

Call him or leave message for him. x2755  
Janet

471-7940

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State of Minnesota

October 6, 1978

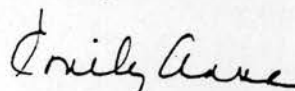
Mr. Erle Savage  
2406 Woodwinds Lane  
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

Dear Erle:

Thank you for lunch yesterday. I'm really excited about your idea and feel that it has potential; but as you can tell from the copies of the letters which I am enclosing, I'm also asking for assessments from Mark Dayton and Jon Larson.

I'll leave it to you to get in touch with them and perhaps get back to me after you've seen them. In the meantime, good luck. You know better than I how skeptical people are of new or different ideas, but this one sounds as though it has some exciting elements - so after a little more research we'll see what we can do.

Best regards,



EMILY ANNE STAPLES  
State Senator

EAS:jb

Enclosures

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## Senate

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### State of Minnesota

October 6, 1978

Mr. Jon Larson  
Minnesota Commissioner of Securities  
Department of Commerce  
Metro Square Building  
7th and Robert Streets  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

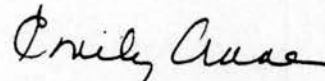
Dear Jon:

Yesterday I sat down for awhile with Erle Savage. He's concerned about the ability of fledgling companies to gain some financial support in Minnesota and has a concept which I found intriguing. He was interested in what kind of legislation might be necessary to allow this to come to fruition, and I am interested in whether there is even a possibility of its being legal or happening. I figured there is no one better to give him the advice he needs in this area than you; so I suggested that he call you and set up an appointment, if that's possible.

I'm enclosing a copy of some of the information he left with me to give you some notion of what he is up to. If you do have an opportunity to see him I'd appreciate your sending a note back to me after you have met with him to tell me whether there is any chance of pursuing this, and from your standpoint, if there is, what would be needed to make it feasible.

Thanks for taking the time to do this.

Best regards,



EMILY ANNE STAPLES  
State Senator

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cc: Erle Savage  
Enclosure

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October 6, 1978

Mark Dayton, Commissioner  
Department of Economic Development  
Hanover Building  
480 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

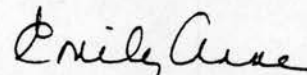
Dear Mark:

Yesterday I met with Erle Savage to discuss a little bit an idea that he has for providing venture capital for newly formed somewhat risky companies before they really get on their feet. I'm not sure whether the idea has merit or not, but before I pursue it I'd like to have an opinion from you or someone in your department who is familiar with this kind of thing. I'm also asking Jon Larson for an opinion.

Erle is a long time friend and has been involved in many creative business start-ups. His field is marketing and feels that too often corporations or businesses are formed without that aspect being given enough consideration. I'm enclosing a copy of information he left with me and I suggested that he might call your office for an appointment.

After you or someone in DED has seen him I'd appreciate your sending a note back just to tell me whether you think the idea has any potential. Thanks so much.

Best regards,



EMILY ANNE STAPLES  
State Senator

EAS:jb  
cc: Erle Savage  
Enclosure



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COMMENTARY ON MINNESOTA NEW ENTERPRISE BILL

In the past few years sources of capital for the untested (no track record) organizations have become almost unavailable to the inventor, originator or organizer. What is available, under the present inadequate systems and restrictive regulations comes from the few and do not build a real base for future growth.

The SBA, the SBIC's were steps to make progress in this area and have done and are doing a good job - but mainly on proven or semi-proven ventures. Private placements for the most part are for similar opportunities.

The public, since 1972, has been almost eliminated from the free enterprise system except as represented thru banks mutual funds, insurance companies - which cannot participate in high risk, high return ventures.

Minnesota and the Twin City market has a unique interest in new ventures as indicated by the size in numbers of local etc.

Minnesota also has a unique record of inventiveness, and we do have headquarters like GMI, Pillsbury and the newer CDC's, Med-tronics', K-Tel's, etc. The public, I believe, should be part of this phenomenon, and with this bill it can be. Part of the essence of our system is "nothing risked, nothing gained", and we should let the public participate.



Companies that start here have a better chance of staying here,  
and headquarters employ the services the state wants - legal,  
accounting, banking, insurance, etc.

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A MINNESOTA NEW ENTERPRISE BILL  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVISIONAL COMPANIES

INTENT:

1. To facilitate the establishment of new and untested enterprises which will headquarter in Minnesota by by creating a new entity - the provisional company.
2. To provide capital more easily and less expensively to such enterprises, and promote enterprise by broadening ownership among Minnesota residents on a limited risk basis.
3. To provide tax incentives to individuals from all walks of life who provide this new capital and need capital base for untried business, concepts, products, and services.
4. To bring brain power to bear on these enterprises by limiting advisory liability.
5. To minimize the possibilities of fraud and deceits thru incentive and ownership limitations and specifying a one or two year life for the provisional enterprise.

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## TERMINOLOGY

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY - One in which offices are maintained in Minnesota and primary services such as legal, accounting, banking, insurance and other services are contracted in Minnesota.

PARTICIPATIONS - Ownership evidences for the Minnesota public in denominations of \$100 to \$1,000 (maximum 5 per family) with conversion rights to stock and warrants in regular corporation or share in mandatory liquidation.

STATEMENT OF INTENT - A 4-page document filed with securities department of State of Minnesota setting forth concept or nature of business, management's implementation intent and use of proceed appraisal of competition, or brief biographies.

REPORTS - Monthly narrative and numerical reports filed with securities commissioner and made available to participants on request.

FEES - \$100 to State of Minnesota for one year provisional co.  
\$200 to State of Minnesota for two year provisional co.  
\$500 maximum to those who prepare reports.

SUNRISE OR SUNSET DATES - The end of chosen one or two year period, where conversion to regular corporation takes place, or mandatory liquidation. Originators do not participate in liquidation.

ORIGINATOR(S) - The one or ones who conceived provisional company, who act as officers and bear major risk and restrictions (such 100% incentive compensation).

EMPLOYEES - All except officers are considered temporary. State insurance, etc. would have to accept this.

ADVISORY BOARD - Persons willing to help the enterprise as potential owners and directors (if provisional company converts) and who are protected from any liability for their participation.

REMUNERATION - Based on hourly rates for employees and on percent of sales; if profitable for originators.

SIZE OF PARTICIPATIONS - A provisional company may raise up to \$500,000.

CONVERSION - Participations convert to regular corporation stock on a one-to-one basis and the carry on option to preference at offering price on any "sunrise" program.

TRADING - Participations can be traded thru any registered broker/dealer, as can options. The commission is fixed at (?) %.

OWNERSHIP - Originators get 10% participations and can purchase up to 20% more on public basis. Originators must file biographies and bank references to Sec. Division, State of Minnesota.

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CONVERSION - Participations convert to regular corporation stock on a one-to-one basis and the carry on option to preference at offering price on any "sunrise" program.

TRADING - Participations can be traded thru any registered broker/dealer, as can options. The commission is fixed at (?) %.

OWNERSHIP - Originators get 10% participations and can purchase up to 20% more on public basis. Originators must file biographies and bank references to Sec. Division, State of Minnesota.

# Minnesota Starting Enterprises Bill

Proponent - Erle B. Savage, Jr.

## 1. Has helped start a number of Minnesota businesses.

<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>EMPLOYS</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Nap-Jac Co.	-	Licensed
Skittercraft	-	Liquidated
Savage-Lewis (PSL-ESCO)	-	Inactive
Communications Services	-	Inactive
Picture Corporation	-	Liquidated
Three Points	-	Public/Trading
Business Highlights Inc. (Corporate Report)	12	Sold -----
Theradyne	150	Public/Trading
Larson Industries	200	Public/Not Trading
Recreation Directory	-	Liquidated
New Business Exchange	-	Inactive
Info Corporation	15	Public/Trading
Goddard Industries	-	Sold
Stillwell Corporation	-	Liquidated
Klad-Eeze	-	Never Activated
Toot and Moo	-	Never Activated
People Place	-	Never Activated
Home Sports	-	Liquidated
Ionic Controls	-	Public/Trading

## 2. Has helped start a number of Civic and Social Organizations.

Northwest Chapter Public Relations Society of America  
 Minnesota Mental Health Association  
 Minnesota Society for Crippled Children and Adults (Camp Courage)  
 Wells Memorial Outreach  
 St. Martins Outreach  
 St. Edwards Church  
 Larger Firms Division of United Fund  
 Macalaster Development Fund  
 Blake School Annual Giving  
 Wayzata Country Club

## 3. Background

Minnesota Resident - 1914 to date  
 Wife - 5 children, 5 grandchildren  
 Blake School - Princeton University  
 General Mills (9 years) Trainee, New Products Department  
     Public Relations (Associate Manager)  
     Helped test and introduce Cheerios, helped  
     start suggestion system.  
 BBDO - 4½ years - Helped acquire agricultural accounts  
     Northrup King, Doughboy and helped Superior  
     Separator enter implement field under Farmhand name.  
 Own Business (30 years) - wide variety of accounts in  
 advertising and communications State of Minnesota  
 one of these. Helped develop Quality of Life story.



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December 4, 1980

The Honorable Emily Staples  
Minnesota State Senate  
Capitol Building  
St. Paul 55155

Dear Mrs. Staples:

As a voter and taxpayer in the state of Minnesota and the city of Plymouth, I am concerned about the rationale behind the establishment of some of the financial priorities for the state. There seem to be numerous examples of wasteful spending and personal gains financed, in part, by cut backs in public education and other programs which benefit large numbers of taxpayers.

Just recently another good example of questionable spending has come to light and is apt to go unnoticed because it will affect so few people yet every taxpayer in the state will be paying for it. In reality it will probably affect more people adversely than will benefit from the expended tax funds.

In the northwestern suburbs of Minnesota, we are fortunate to have several lakes which are large enough to provide ample recreational areas for the residents of the community. Eagle Lake, Fish Lake, Medicine Lake, Twin Lakes, and not far away is Lake Minnetonka, all with public accesses for boats, parks, and other recreational facilities.

We have a home on a much smaller lake in the area, Bass Lake. It is not a private lake as the City of Plymouth is the largest land owner on it, but there is no public access which will accommodate motor vehicles, boat trailers, etc. Because of this, the responsibility and funds for the maintenance of the lake has been assumed by the homeowners surrounding it who have supported the endeavor by participation in the Bass Lake Homeowners Association. With the advice and consultation of the Fresh Water Research facility on Lake Minnetonka, the lake is gradually becoming a clean, well balanced lake as a result of privately supported aeration, weed control, fish stocking, etc.

One of the original land owners on the lake has, over the year, subdivided his property selling the choice lots for residential homes and now finds himself with unsaleable land which he wants to write off for tax purposes.

The land has been offered to Plymouth with the stipulation that the narrow access to the lake be made accessible to the public with the off lake area being used for parking. The Village recognizing that "a gift is not always a gift" decided that at this time they could not afford to put in a road and parking area, to patrol it and enforce the restrictions which must be imposed on such a small lake, and



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when the time comes they own other property more suitable to this use.

The same land was then offered to and accepted by the DNR for the same purpose which imposes the above unbudgeted expenses on the city of Plymouth and removes the tax burden and assessments from the present owner to the state taxpayers.

There seems to have been no planning or study of this offer before its acceptance by the DNR as it clearly imposes on the purchase agreement and land values of home owners adjacent to the proposed access and also leaves the home owners around the lake with the expense of maintaining the lake for increased public use or returning the control to the DNR who prior to 1975 did have control and did very little toward cleaning up an unbalanced and dirty lake.

The decision seems poorly timed in view of tight state and city budgets and spending cut backs, when in reality with so many larger lakes with improved public accesses in the vicinity, the only real benefactor is the one who made the offer as a tax right off.

I encourage a more thorough study of the benefits and liabilities of this "gift" in cooperation with the city of Plymouth and the Bass Lake Association before a final judgment is irreversible.

Sincerely,

*Shirley T. Richards*

(Mrs. Walter T. Richards)

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