



STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JESSE VENTURA

130 State Capitol • 75 Constitution Avenue • Saint Paul, MN 55155

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The Honorable Mike Hatch
Attorney General
102 Capitol
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Attorney General Hatch:

As you know, Supreme Court Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz has recently appointed a special redistricting panel to consider legal challenges to the process for enacting new legislative and congressional redistricting plans. Governor Ventura has an integral and indispensable role in the redistricting process, as do both the Minnesota House and Senate.

There are conflicting redistricting plans that have been drafted by each of the above parties. As your concurrent representation of the Governor, House and Senate would pose conflicts of interest, please advise me if you will authorize outside counsel for the Governor to represent his interests in this matter. We also respectfully request that your office provide the necessary funds to pay for such counsel.

Your prompt attention and assistance with this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Steven Bosacker
Chief of Staff

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