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The Honorable Tim Pawlenty
Governor

Michele Timmons
Revisor of Statutes

The Honorable Dallas C. Sams, Chair
State Senator
Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division,
Finance Committee

The Honorable Bob Gunther
State Representative
Jobs and Economic Development
Finance Committee

The Honorable Linda Scheid, Chair
State Senator
Jobs, Housing and Community Development Committee

The Honorable Gregory Davids, Chair
State Representative
Commerce, Jobs and Economic Development Policy Committee

The Honorable Steve Sviggum, Chair
State Representative
Legislative Coordinating Commission

Subject: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules, as Required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.05, Subdivision 5.

Dear Governor Pawlenty, Senators, Representatives, and Revisor Timmons:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, states:

> By December 1 of each year, an agency must submit to the governor, the legislative coordinating commission, the policy and funding committees and division with jurisdiction over the agency, and the revisor of statutes, a list of any rules or portions of rules that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. The list must also include an explanation of why the rule or portion of the rule is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. By December 1, the agency must either report a timetable for repeal of the rule or portion of the rule, or must develop a bill for submission to the appropriate policy committee to repeal the obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rule. Such a bill must include proposed authorization to use the expedited procedures of section 14.389 to repeal or amend the obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rule. A report submitted under this subdivision must be signed by the person in the agency who is responsible for identifying and initiating repeal of

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obsolete rules. The report must also identify the status of any rules identified in the prior year's report as obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative. If none of an agency's rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative, an agency's December 1 report must state that conclusion.

The Department of Labor and Industry reports that at this time, we can identify no new rules that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative and that should be repealed.

Sincerely,

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