



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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March 11, 2009

Mr. Peter Orszag, Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Orszag:

The letter is written to fulfill the requirements of Section 1607 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA):

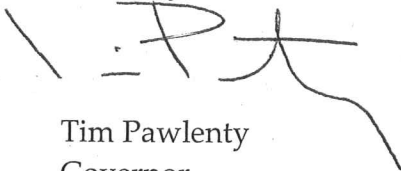
ADDITIONAL FUNDING DISTRIBUTION AND ASSURANCE OF APPROPRIATE USE OF FUNDS

Sec. 1607. (a) CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNOR. –Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, for funds provided to any State or any agency thereof, the Governor of the State shall certify that: (1) the State will request and use funds provided by this Act; and (2) the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

I hereby certify that the State of Minnesota will request and accept funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and will use the funds to create jobs and promote economic growth in a way that best serves the interests of the people of Minnesota.

As I noted during debate on this bill, Minnesota is a net donor to the federal government. One study shows that our state receives 72 cents for every \$1 in federal taxes sent to Washington, D.C. For that reason, although I have concerns about the scope and nature of the legislation, my administration will work to effectively utilize the funds available to Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Tim Pawlenty
Governor

Via mail and email: recovery@omb.eop.gov