



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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September 16, 2009

Commissioner Tom Hanson  
Management and Budget  
400 Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Commissioner Hanson,

The recent reports of questionable behavior and potential illegal activity by the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) are of great concern. The recent vote by the U.S. Senate to ban federal funding for ACORN reflects that concern.

By this letter, I am directing you to stop all state funding to ACORN unless the state is legally obligated to provide such funding. In addition, I am directing you to conduct a thorough review of the state's relationship with this organization and report to me with your findings.

Please inform all commissioners and agency finance officials of this directive as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty  
Governor