



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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January 5, 2012

The Honorable Rafael Ortega  
Chair  
Ramsey County Board of Commissioners  
Ramsey County Board Office  
Room 220 Court House  
15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Chair Ortega:

Regarding a new "People's Stadium," it is now time to finalize the proposals of Arden Hills/Ramsey County and the City of Minneapolis, so that the Legislature can compare them, decide between them, and act to make one of them a reality. In order to advance this process, with the concurrence of Senator Rosen and Representative Lanning, the authors of the stadium bill, I am setting 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 12, 2012, as the deadline for final proposals to be submitted to us.

Your proposal will provide the basis for comparison with the other site(s). As such, it should contain as much detailed information as possible about your proposed means to finance your local share of the project, other contributions you are prepared to make to it, your proposed structure for ownership and operating control, the reasons you believe your site to be superior, any impediments to its development, and all other information you wish to bring to the attention of the legislative decision-makers.

This timeline has been determined by Representative Lanning, Senator Rosen, and myself as essential to continuing the legislation's momentum and giving the Legislature the information and time necessary to discuss, decide, and act.

After conferring with Senator Rosen and Representative Lanning, my office will contact you to schedule a time for us to meet with you and discuss your proposal.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton  
Governor