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Governor Mark Dayton,  
Responsible Authority  
Office of the Governor  
116 Veterans Service Bldg.  
20 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the Governor is the “Responsible Authority” (RA) and the individual to whom requests for information from the Governor are directed. The office of Lt. Governor is a position within the Office of the Governor, and thus the Governor is the RA and the individual to who requests for information from the Lt. Governor is directed.

Under the Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes 13.01 et seq., I hereby request an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records pertaining to the directive the Governor issued to the Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) on or about March 6, 2016, *“not to authorize or enter into any new state access agreements or lease agreements for mining operations on state lands”*.

**Request for Information from the Governor**

The information we seek concerns the content of any correspondence (including studies and other information appended or attached thereto), copies of emails, records of meetings and transcripts of telephone communications, made or provided during 2014, 2015 through and including April 5, 2016 by and between you and Susan Schurke, Paul Schurke, Bria Schurke, Rebecca “Becky” Rom and Steve Piragis (all of Ely), Alida Rockefeller Messinger and Lt. Governor Tina Smith.

In addition, we also seek information pertaining to the content of any correspondence (including studies and other information appended or attached thereto), copies of emails, records of meetings and transcripts of telephone communications, made or provided during 2014, 2015 through

and including April 5, 2016 by and between you and Friends of the Boundary Waters, Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness, Sustainable Ely and the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy.

### **Request for Information from Lt. Governor Tina Smith**

The information we seek from Lt. Governor Tina Smith concerns the content of any correspondence (including studies and other information appended or attached thereto), copies of emails, records of meetings and transcripts of telephone communications, made or provided during 2014, 2015 through and including April 5, 2016 by and between Lt. Governor Tina Smith and Susan Schurke, Paul Schurke, Bria Schurke, Rebecca "Becky" Rom and Steve Piragis (all of Ely), Alida Rockefeller Messinger and Governor Dayton.

In addition, we also seek information pertaining to the content of any correspondence (including studies and other information appended or attached thereto), copies of emails, records of meetings and transcripts of telephone communications, made or provided during 2014, 2015 through and including April 5, 2016 by and between Lt. Governor Tina Smith and Friends of the Boundary Waters, Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness, Sustainable Ely and the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy.

If there are any fees for searching or copying the aforementioned records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$1,000. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosures of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public understanding of Governor Dayton's directive issued to the DNR. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

I hereby request a prompt response to this request. If you expect a significant delay in responding to or in fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

*Gerald M Tyler*

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Chairman & CEO