



## Senate

State of Minnesota

Dear Honorable Justice Frank,

Thank you for your efforts to assure humane and constructive treatment for persons with disabilities. We are particularly grateful for your leadership in the Jensen case. That case continues to be a landmark decision that has helped Minnesota.

Per your order, with the end of the Courts Jurisdiction over the Jensen Settlement, over half a million dollars is being released to the MN Department of Health and Human Services. It is our presumption that you desired that it would be available to be utilized to assist people with disabilities, to continue righting the wrongs of the past committed by the state.

Unfortunately, the funds will not be available for any DHS purpose, as statute requires all such monies be returned to the general fund. Again, it is our belief that you did not intend this.

Are you able to amend your order to state that the money sent to DHS be used for a specific purpose, in this case to be used for innovative grants to serve persons with disabilities? We believe such an order would not allow it to be dropped into the general fund. and is most consistent with the Settlement intent.

We both recently were on KTSP Channel Five speaking to this issue. We have cosponsored legislation to ensure this money stays within the department and be repurposed to aiding people with disabilities. The success of that gambit is not assured, as it must be completed before the February Forecast is completed, or it will drop to the bottom line and be captured by the general fund.

We are open to any and all suggestions/support. Thank you again for your incredible service.

Sincerely,

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Senator John Hoffman  
SD 36

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Abeler".

Senator Jim Abeler  
SD 35