



**Today, Main Street Alliance Minnesota small business owners, joined by faith, nonprofit, and community leaders, called on the Governor to veto all “preemption” legislation he sees this session and in the future.**

**MSA MN members delivered a letter signed by sixty small business owners from across the state to Governor Dayton.**

Dear Governor Dayton:

As small business owners, we are engaged with our local elected officials on policies that impact our businesses, our employees, and our customers. We believe strongly in investing in our communities, and in building a state and country where we want to live and work.

Throughout this legislative session, however, we’ve seen corporate interests and lobbyists who claim to represent small businesses pushing bills aimed at taking away the power of our local governments, community groups, and citizens. In particular:

*Plastic Bag Ban:* HF1504 and SF1195 (Currently in the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Omnibus Bill SF 723 and Taxes Omnibus Bill HF 4 and Jobs and Energy Omnibus Bill SF 1937) would roll back rights of cities to place a ban or fee on disposable bags, including the Minneapolis ordinance set to go into effect June 1, 2017. These fees and bans are powerful tools for communities to protect the health of their residents from the problems created by the production, use and disposal of plastic bags, which disproportionately impact communities of color and low income communities.

*Sick & Safe Time:* HF 600 / SF 580 would roll back sick time protections for over 150,000 workers, making those workers once again have to choose between a paycheck and caring for their health and family.

Local governance is critical to the health of our businesses and communities. Please veto these "local preemption" bills which take away local control.

Pennie Turncott, Owner, Second Look Books

Duluth MN

Kelsey Kapsch, Good Earth Food Co-Op	St Cloud MN
Nick Regnier, Owner, Nicks's Painting Company	St Cloud, MN
Suzanne Scoles, Owner, Cloud Consignment	St Cloud, MN
Charlene Ridlon, Art As You Like It	Waite Park, MN
Gino Marinaro, Owner, Paddy's Game Shoppe	St Cloud, MN
Mike Calawerts, Owner, Orangetheory Fitness	Edina & Minneapolis, MN
Todd Mikkelson, Owner, Sprayrack Co	Orono, MN
Dan Swenson- Klatt, Owner, Butter Bakery Cafe	Minneapolis, MN
Seward Community Co-op	Minneapolis MN
Jason Rathe, Owner, Field Outdoor Spaces	Minneapolis, MN
Frank Brown, Owner, Minuteman Press Uptown	Minneapolis, MN
Molly Glasgow, Owner, Point Acupressure	Minneapolis, MN
Elizabeth Spehar and Joanna Schlegelmich, Owners, Snooty Fox Tea Shoppe	Duluth, MN
Jeff Schmidt, Owner, Lizzards Art Gallery and Framing	Duluth , MN
Eric Faust, Owner, Duluth Coffee Company	Duluth, MN
Lonnie McQuarter, Owner, 36 Lyn Service Center	Minneapolis, MN
Kevin Brown, Owner, Smartset Printing	Minneapolis, MN
Ky Guse, Owner, GYST Fermentation Bar	Minneapolis, MN
Tammy Schultz, Owner, Rustique Consignment	Owatanna MN
Kate Davenport, Co-President, Eureka Recycling	Minneapolis, MN
Erin Tope, Co- President, Positively 3rd St Bakery	Duluth, MN
Terri Emmerich, Owner, Spice of Life Tea Shoppe	St Cloud, MN
Tammy Ortegon, Owner, Color Wheel Gallery	Minneapolis, MN
Aisha Wadud, Owner, Nura Holistic Massage	Minneapolis, MN
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Ann and Karl Vogh, Voghs Flooring	Faribault, MN
Katie Dupay, Co- Owner, Wolfpack Promotionals	Minneapolis, MN
Tracy Singleton, Owner, Birchwood Cafe	Minneapolis, MN
Kirstin Wiegman, Owner, Reverie Cafe	Minneapolis, MN
Angela Schwesnedl, Owner, Moon Palace Books	Minneapolis, MN
Shannon Forney and Ty Barnett, Owners, Workhorse Coffee	St Paul, MN
Luke Breen, Owner, Perennial Bicycle	Minneapolis, MN
Danny Schwartzman, Owner, Common Roots Cafe	Minneapolis, MN
Scott VanKoughnett, Owner, Eat My Words Bookstore	Minneapolis, MN
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Kayf Ahmed, Owner, Capitol Cafe	Minneapolis, MN
Allison Bross, Owner, B. Resale	Minneapolis, MN
Elana Schwartzman, Owner, Fontlove Studio	Minneapolis, MN
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Wynn Barber, Owner, Karma Boutique	St Paul, MN
Kyle Grover, Benchmark Tattoo and Gallery	Duluth, MN
Karen Gauthier, Owner, Urban Moon	St. Cloud, MN
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