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.

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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  
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Charlene Ridlon, Art As You Like It  
Waite Park, MN

Gino Marinaro, Owner, Paddy’s Game Shoppe  
St Cloud, MN

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Jeff Schmidt, Owner, Lizzards Art Gallery and Framing  
Duluth, MN

Eric Faust, Owner, Duluth Coffee Company  
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St Cloud, MN

Tammy Ortegon, Owner, Color Wheel Gallery  
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Minneapolis, MN

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Minneapolis, MN

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Faribault, MN

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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

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Minneapolis, MN

Scott VanKoughnett, Owner, Eat My Words Bookstore
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Patrice Smith, Owner, Fiddlestix Children’s Boutique
St Cloud, MN

Dee Holsinger, Owner, Bumbledees
St. Cloud, MN

Pam Strouth, Owner, Bloom Flower Shop
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Wendy Ward, Owner, Practical Goods
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Kyle Grover, Benchmark Tattoo and Gallery  
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Carolyn Adams, Owner, Northpoint Geographic Solutions  
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