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**GOVERNOR:  
Ventura, Jesse:**

**An Inventory of His Correspondence Files**

**OVERVIEW**

**Agency:** Minnesota. Governor (1999-2003 : Ventura).  
**Series Title:** Correspondence Files.  
**Dates:** 1998-2002.  
**Quantity:** 1.6 cubic feet (1 box and 2 partial boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS**

Governor Ventura's correspondence with state officials and legislators, other governors, federal officials and congressional members, foreign governments and consuls, and the general public; and memoranda of the Governor's staff.

The incoming correspondence includes social correspondence and letters of appreciation from the public, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and groups of school children; the outgoing correspondence consists mainly of photocopies covering all aspects of the Governor's duties and activities. The subject-based correspondence includes files with cities, counties, and other states; U.S. Congress members, both from Minnesota and other states; federal agencies; foreign governments and consuls; governors of other states; the White House; state legislators, both chronologically and by legislative district; and state agencies and organizations. The Governor's Office staff files are organized by staff member and deal with a variety of the office's responsibilities.

**ORGANIZATION**

The records are organized in the following sections:

- Incoming correspondence
- Outgoing correspondence
- Subject based correspondence
- Governor's Office staff correspondence

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Children's writings.  
State governments—Minnesota—Officials and employees.

### Places:

Minnesota—Politics and government—1981-.

### Persons:

Albright, Madeleine Korbel.  
Bosacker, Steven.  
Bush, George W. (George Walker), 1946-.  
Bush, Jeb.  
Clinton, Bill, 1946-.  
Clinton, Hillary Rodham.  
Gromer, Amy.  
Hayes, Wayne.  
Underwood, Wendy.  
Ventura, Jesse.  
Weaver, Pamela Perri.  
Wobschall, Rachel.  
Wustenberg, Wendy Wilberg.

### Organizations:

Florida. Governor (1999- : Bush).  
Minnesota. Governor (1999-2003 : Ventura)—Constituent communication.  
Minnesota. Legislature.  
Texas. Governor (1995-2000 : Bush).

### Types of documents:

Children's letters.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

| <b>Location</b> | <b>Box</b> |  |
|-----------------|------------|--|
| 110.F.14.10F    | 1          | <p>Incoming correspondence, 1998-2002. 3 folders.<br/>Includes social correspondence and letters of appreciation from the public, corporations, and nonprofit organizations, and groups of letters from “The Learning Center Kids” (undated), Mrs. Locker’s All Day Kindergarten, Sunnyside Elementary School, New Brighton (1998), and Mrs. Affeld’s Third Grade Class, Orono Elementary School (1999). The files include photographs and greeting cards.</p> <p>Outgoing correspondence, 1998-2002. 5 folders.<br/>Mainly photocopies of letters sent from the Governor’s Office and covering all aspects of the Governor’s duties and activities. They may duplicate letters filed in the following subject files.</p> <p>Subject-based correspondence, 1998-2002. 109 folders.<br/>Correspondence with cities, counties, and other states, 1998-2002.<br/>Correspondence with U.S. Congress members, 1998-2002.<br/>With both Minnesota and other states’ senators and representatives. Includes photocopy of a Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton June 20, 2002 letter; original is housed in the Reserve Collection (cataloged separately).</p> <p>Correspondence with federal agencies, 1998-2002.<br/>Includes photocopy of a Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State, January 6, 1999 letter; original is housed in the Reserve Collection (cataloged separately).</p> <p>Correspondence with foreign governments and consuls, 1998-2002.<br/>Correspondence with governors of other states, 1998-2002.<br/>Includes photocopies of a Texas Governor George W. Bush February 25, 1999 letter and a Florida Governor Jeb Bush July 17, 1999 letter; originals are housed in the Reserve Collection (cataloged separately).</p> <p>Correspondence with the White House, 1998-2002.<br/>Includes photocopies of President Bill Clinton undated and March 31, 1999 letters; originals are housed in the Reserve Collection (cataloged separately).</p> <p>Correspondence with state legislators, 1998-2002. 63 folders.<br/>Two sets of files: one arranged chronologically; the other, numerically by legislative district number.</p> |

**Location**      **Box**  
110.F.14.11B      2

General correspondence, 1998-2002. 4 folders.

Contains letters both to the legislature as a whole and individual legislators from the Governor and letters and petitions from both individual and groups of legislators. Individual legislators included in the following set are only included in these files as petition signatories.

Correspondence organized by legislative district, 1998-2002. 59 folders.

Files include letters between the Governor and these individual legislators. There is no explanation for why only these legislators had separate files. The district number follows each name.

Finseth, Tim. 1B  
Moe, Roger. 2  
Lessard, Bob. 3  
Anderson, Irv. 3A  
Kinkel, Anthony G. "Tony." 4  
Fuller, Doug. 4A  
Tomassoni, David J. 5  
Rukavina, Tom. 5A  
Marquart, Paul. 9B  
Nornes, Bud. 10A  
Samuelson, Don. 12  
Peterson, Doug. 13B  
Johnson, Dean E. 15  
Opatz, Joe. 16A  
Knoblach, Jim. 16B  
Erickson, Sondra. 17A  
Schumacher, Leslie. 17B  
Ring, Twyla L. 18  
Anderson, Bruce. 19B  
Dille, Steve. 20  
Ness, Robert "Bob." 20A  
Mulder, Richard. 21B  
Winter, Ted. 22A  
Harder, Elaine. 22B  
Hottinger, John C., 24  
Day, Dick. 28  
Sviggum, Steve. 28B  
Bradley, Fran. 30A  
Bishop, Dave. 30B  
Kierlin, Bob. 32  
Lindner, Arlon. 33A  
Buesgens, Mark. 35B

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| 110.F.14.11B    | 2          | Knutson, David L. 36<br>Ozment, Dennis. 37A<br>Wiener, Deanna L. 38<br>Metzen, James P. 39<br>Pugh, Thomas W. 39A<br>Seagren, Alice. 41A<br>Wolf, Ken. 41B<br>Oliver, Edward C. 43<br>Robertson, Martha R. 45<br>Leppik, Peggy. 45B<br>Rest, Anne H. 46<br>Luther, Darlene. 47A<br>Haas, Bill. 48A<br>Tingelstad, Kathy. 50B<br>Chaudhary, Satveer. 52<br>Mares, Harry. 55A<br>Bachman, Michele M. 56<br>Marko, Sharon. 57B<br>Gray, Gregory. 58B<br>Kahn, Phyllis. 59B<br>Dibble, Scott D. 60B<br>Sabo, Julie A. 63<br>Gleason, Mark S. 63B<br>Pappas, Sandra L. 65<br>Anderson, Ellen R. 66<br>Hausman, Alice. 66B<br>Kelly, Randy C. 67 |

Correspondence with state agencies and several non-state organizations, 1998-2002. 41 folders.

Arranged in alphabetical order by agency/organization name.

Administration.  
Agriculture.  
Attorney General.  
Children, Families and Learning.  
Citizenship and Volunteer Services.  
Commerce.  
Corrections.  
Economic Security.  
Employee Relations.  
Ethics.  
Finance.  
Health.  
Housing Finance Agency.  
Human Rights.  
Human Services.

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| 110.F.14.11B    | 2          | Indian Affairs Council.<br>Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.<br>Judicial.<br>Labor and Industry.<br>Lieutenant Governor.<br>Metropolitan Airports Commission.<br>Metropolitan Council.<br>Mediation Services.<br>Military Affairs.<br>Minnesota Historical Society.<br>MnSCU [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities].  |
| 110.F.14.12F    | 3          | National Governors' Association.<br>Natural Resources.<br>Panetta Institute.<br>Pollution Control Agency.<br>Planning.<br>Public Safety.<br>Revenue.<br>Revisor of Statutes.<br>Secretary of State.<br><i>Star Tribune</i> .<br>State Auditor.<br>Trade and Economic Development.<br>Transportation.<br>University of Minnesota.<br>Veterans Affairs.<br>Governor's Office staff correspondence, 1998-2002. 8 folders.<br>Correspondence and memos of the Governor's staff.<br>Bosacker, Steven, 1998-2002.<br>Gromer, Amy, 1999-2002.<br>Hayes, Wayne, 1999-2002. 2 folders.<br>Underwood, Wendy, undated.<br>Letter drafts.<br>Weaver, Pamela Perri, 1999-2002.<br>Wobschall, Rachel, 1999-2002.<br>Wustenberg, Wendy, 1999-2000. |