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Robert H. Bruininks, President
University of Minnesota
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Dear President Bruininks:

I am writing to request, under the Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Sections 13.01 et seq., any writing, including, but not limited to, any notes, letters, memoranda, transcripts of meeting minutes; any electronic communications, including e-mails; and any voice mail communications since March 1, 2010, any of which relate to:

- The University of Minnesota's decision to cancel the Oct. 3, 2010 screening of the film "Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story" at the Bell Museum of Natural History and Oct. 5, 2010, broadcast on Twin Cities Public Television;
- Concerns raised about the film "Troubled Waters" which may or may not have led to the decision to cancel the screening and broadcast of the film. This includes but is not limited to a recent screening of the movie referenced in a Sept. 16 *Star Tribune* article for university officials and faculty at which concerns were raised.

This request specifically includes but is not limited to communications between Karen Himle, Vice-President of University Relations and Al Levine, Dean of the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences; communications between Karen Himle and Susan Weller, director the of the Bell Museum; and communications between Karen Himle and Martin Moen, associate director of communications and operations of the Bell Museum.

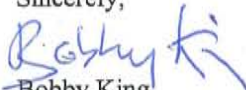
Should you decide to withhold any records whatsoever, please supply me with a detailed statement describing the nature of any such materials and explain with particularity the basis for any such decision.

We will pay the reasonable, standard charges for the actual copying fees required in complying with this request to the extent provided for under the Minnesota Data Practices Act.

Because of concerns about the manner in which the scheduled public screening of this movie was canceled we feel it is important these documents be made available in an expedited fashion. Producing these documents in a timely way will help demonstrate the University's commitment to full public disclosure, which has been harmed by this situation.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions concerning the nature or extent of the information requested, please, do not hesitate to call me at 612-722-6377.

Sincerely,


Bobby King

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