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Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and
Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

With this letter, I am returning LB 194 with my signature and with a line-item reduction.

I vetoed \$200,000 of General Funds appropriated in FY 2012-13 for the U.S. Senior Open golf tournament in Omaha. At this time, with limited funding available for the budget bills and appropriation bills, funding for a golf tournament is not a priority use of taxpayer dollars.

When Members of the Legislature are being asked to reduce funding for bills from education to juvenile justice, it is not appropriate or fair to fund a golf tournament with taxpayer dollars. Even without the use of taxpayer dollars, this golf tournament enjoys very strong private sector support and has reached record ticket sales.

I urge you to sustain this line-item veto of LB 194.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Heineman".

Dave Heineman
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