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Dayton Congratulates Senator Franken on His Victory

Minneapolis, MN - "I congratulate Senator Franken on becoming Minnesota's 39th United States Senator! Senator Franken's road to the Senate has been long and frustrating, but he has arrived!

The Minnesota Supreme Court's ruling should put an end to this overly-long post-election process. I call on former Senator Norm Coleman to, finally, gracefully acknowledge Senator Franken's victory, and I call upon Governor Pawlenty and Secretary of State Ritchie to immediately certify Senator Franken's victory, so that he can be immediately seated in the United States Senate.

Senator Klobuchar and her dedicated staff have done fantastic jobs in doing double duty over the past seven months. However, I am thankful not only that Minnesotans will once again be represented by two votes in the Senate, but also that those votes will be cast in favor of quality education, affordable health care, economic growth, and the other core values of our state.

Minnesotans are facing job losses, soaring health care costs, and economic uncertainty at levels unseen since the Great Depression. I look forward to Senator Franken's successes in setting Minnesota—and America—back on track.

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