

Hunger Day on the Hill

Attendee Cheat Sheet



How to use this sheet:

This guide includes talking points and key details on the Partners to End Hunger legislative priorities you'll be advocating for today. Keep this sheet with you during your meetings.

Take a moment to check whether your legislators serve on any of the listed committees. If they do, they may play an important role in moving these bills forward. Also look to see if your lawmaker is listed as an author—and be sure to thank them for their support!

General Hunger Day on the Hill Talking Points

- Minnesotans made over 9 million food shelf visits in 2025 – setting a new record for the fourth consecutive year.
- Given that 1 in 5 Minnesotans are currently experiencing hunger, it is important that we pass ALL these bills. No one initiative will solve hunger in our state. These programs work together to meet people's needs in a variety of ways.
- The hunger-relief community has a long track record of operating these programs with integrity and strong oversight in partnership with the state.

Minnesota Food Shelf Program - HF3624/ SF3904

- **Why support:** Without additional support (to keep pace w/ recent one-time appropriations), food shelf funding will be cut in half despite record high levels of need.
- **Committees:** Senate Health and Human Services / House Children and Family
- **Lead Authors:** Senator Mann & Rep. Coulter
- **Additional Senate Authors:** Abeler, Housley, Boldon
- **Additional House Authors:** Hicks, Fischer, Smith, Rehrauer, Kraft, Freiberg, Greenman, Greene, Johnson (Pete), Liebling
- **Key asks:** Sign on & advocate to prioritize this funding in final bill

Regional Food Bank Grants: - HF3586/ SF3770

- **Why support:** Our hunger relief system has seen cuts at the state and federal level in the last year; after two years of one-time funding we can't afford to pull back on funding this year. Complementary to MN Food Shelf Funding.
- **Committees:** Senate Health and Human Services / House Children and Family
- **Lead Authors:** Senator Boldon & Rep. Gander
- **Additional Senate Authors:** Hemmingsen-Jaeger, Abeler, Kupec, Putnam
- **Additional House Authors:** Johnson (Wayne), Fischer, Hussein, Rehrauer, Zeleznikar, Smith, Kraft, Myers, Freiberg, Greenman, Greene, Johnson (Pete), Skraba, Liebling
- **Key ask(s):**
 - House: Ask to sign on as coauthor & ask to support and advocate for this as a priority.
 - Senate: Ask to support & ask to advocate for this as a priority. If already an author, say thank you!!

MNSNAP: - HF3773/ SF4061

- **Why support:** To raise awareness and support those losing access to SNAP due to HR1
- **Committees:** Senate Health and Human Services / House Children and Family
- **Lead Authors:** Senator Mann & Rep. Xp Lee
- **Additional Senate Authors:** Boldon, Kupec, Maye Quade, Abeler
- **Additional House Authors:** Keeler
- **Key ask(s):**
 - House: Ask to sign on as coauthor.
 - Senate: Ask to support!

Senior Meals - HF2212/SF2383

- **Why support:** Funding to feed older adults has not kept pace with the growing demand and population. Without an increase, fewer meals will be provided, putting older adults at higher risk of malnutrition and increased care needs.
- **Committees:** Senate Health and Human Services / House Human Services Finance & Policy
- **Lead Authors:** Senator Maye Quade & Rep. Fischer
- **Additional House Authors:** Schomacker, Moller, Hicks, Gander, Rehrauer
- **Additional Senate Authors:** Mohamed, Abeler
- **Key ask(s):** Ask for additional co authors and support of the policy and funding bills.

Prepared Meals - HF1148/ SF1412

- **Why support:** Helping to fill a critical need by providing eligible Minnesotans with ready-to-eat meals when traditional food assistance programs may not be appropriate due to health issues.
- **Committees:** Senate Health and Human Services / House Children and Family
- **Lead Authors:** Senator Kupec & Rep. Coulter
- **Additional Senate Authors:** Boldon
- **Additional House Authors:** Hicks, Perez-Vega, Hemmingsen-Jaeger
- **Key ask(s):** Support \$1 million to sustain current program levels

Farm to School and Early Care - HF1795/ SF1559

- **Why support:** Requests far exceed funding + need is more stark after the loss of promised federal Local Food for Schools funding. Funding runs out in Sept. for a position to support Farm to School at the MN Dept of Education.
- **Committees:** Senate and House Agriculture Committees; building support in Senate and House Education Finance Committees
- **Lead Authors:** Senator Gustafson & Rep. Nelson
- **Additional Senate Authors:** Putnam; Rarick
- **Additional House Authors:** Cha; Frederick; Pursell; Anderson, P. H.; Her; Vang; Virnig; Jones; Kotyza-Witthuhn; Smith; Kraft; Dotseth; Feist; Gottfried; Gillman
- **Key ask(s):** Ask for hearings in both Agriculture and Education committees.

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