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Dear Honorable Members of the State Government Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Legal Services Advocacy Project, we want to thank you for the continued funding of the “Healthy Eating, Here at Home” initiative in HF691, the state government finance omnibus budget bill. This cost-effective, best practice healthy food initiative has proven successful for thousands of seniors, children and families – as well as our local farms and communities. It is a wise investment for the health and well being of hungry Minnesotans and it is one way to ensure children and seniors have additional access to healthy fruits and vegetables.

Especially as senior hunger continues to grow in Minnesota, we must find innovative ways to connect seniors on limited budgets with healthy foods. I am particularly grateful for the leadership of Representative Sarah Anderson in addressing these needs in cost-effective ways.

Sincerely,
Jessica Webster
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