



MINNESOTA FARMERS UNION
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Rep. Tara Mack, Chair
Health and Human Services Reform Committee
545 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Chair Mack:

On behalf of the membership of the Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU), I wanted to take a moment to let you know that MFU strongly supports H. F. 352 authored by Rep. Sarah Anderson known as the "Healthy Eating, Here at Home program."

MFU has been a longtime supporter of Farmers Markets and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and having the two work together to offer fresh fruit and vegetables to low income Minnesotans makes a lot of sense on many levels.

It is MFU's hope that when the legislation goes into effect that nonprofit organizations named in legislation and state agencies work with the farmers to have the voucher program be workable and something that is not too cumbersome for farmers to administer.

Thank-you for your consideration,

Doug Peterson, President