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Dear Members of the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives:

RE: H.F. No. 1851 | S.F. No. 1902

I write to request your commitment to services that support a growing number of older adults to age well/live well in the communities of their choice. During this legislative session, it is critical to support ongoing funding for programs that have established themselves as reliable providers of home and community-based services.

H.F. No. 1851 and S.F. No. 1902 would offer stable funding for programs supported by Live Well at Home Grants. The proposed legislation will create enhanced funding for new and expanded programs, in addition to providing stable funding for established programs committed to helping older adults.

The Southeastern MN Area Agency on Aging supports building age friendly communities. The proposed statute would support provider organizations seeking sustainable funding for innovative new programs as well as agencies who have proven themselves to be good stewards of the state's aging network.

Thank you for your consideration and support of H.F. No. 1851 and S.F. No. 1902. Creating communities that value the dignity and respect of older adults and their desire to age in place is key to the overall wellbeing of all Minnesotans.

Kind Regards,

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