



March 1, 2023

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The Honorable Representative Fischer, Chair
Human Services Policy Committee
551 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for HF 1851

Dear Chair Fischer and Members of the Committee:

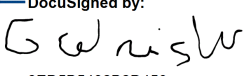
Thank you for hearing [HF 1851](#) and to Representative Hicks for authoring the bill. Olmsted County urges your support for this legislation to establish “*Live Well at Home*” grants.

The *Live Well at Home* grants will lead to new and expanded programs as well as providing ongoing funding for programs and services with a proven track record of positive outcomes for older adults and people with dementia. This grant funding will offer community providers added stability as they provide home and community-based services and family caregiver support for seniors not eligible for medical assistance. Our community providers are a critical component in creating an age friendly environment in our community and this bill would provide these community partners important funding to continue that mission.

Olmsted County has strong partnerships with community providers such as Family Service Rochester. These partnerships provide our older residents access to critical services that the county cannot provide alone. Some of these services include chore and support services, at home food delivery, home welfare checks, and mental health services.

Olmsted County respectfully asks for your support of HF 1851 and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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