

17 February 2015

Rep. Sarah Anderson
583 State Office Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Rep. Anderson:

On behalf of the Mazon Advocacy Project in Minnesota (MAP:MN), we want to sincerely thank you for being a co-author of HF 352, establishing a "Healthy Eating, Here at Home" program in Minnesota. This program is one of MAP:MN's priorities for 2015. It will help to address hunger in our state by encouraging healthy eating as well as promoting locally grown food products by providing matches of up to \$5 or \$10 on SNAP benefits used at farmers' markets throughout Minnesota.

Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national, anti-hunger advocacy organization, and MAP:MN is our local grassroots initiative. In the last legislative session, we worked on passage of the school lunch bill that now provides free hot lunches to school kids who previously were required to pay a co-pay. That program now assures that 62,000 students from low-income households will not be turned away in the school lunch line.

As an organization, we are committed to building on that success by now focusing on the Healthy Eating, Here at Home program. We will be activating our grassroots supporters and working with other anti-hunger groups and supporting organizations to get this bill passed.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue, and we look forward to working with you to achieve passage.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Harold Kravitz, Adath Jeshurun Congregation;
National Board chair of Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger

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