



February 17, 2021

Representative Paul Marquart Chair,  
House Taxes Committee  
597 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Marquart and House Taxes Committee members:

Hunger Solutions Minnesota is writing in support of Governor Walz’s proposal to raise taxes on those who can afford to pay more—the households and corporations with the greatest resources. We also support the Governor’s proposal to expand the Working Family Credit, which serves as powerful tool to advance equity and economic security for low- and moderate-income Minnesotans.

The economic impact of COVID-19 has not been felt evenly. While some have done well, many low-income working families and communities of color are struggling like never before. Hunger has reached unprecedented levels, including over 17% of Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity according to a recent Census Pulse survey and nearly double that rate for communities of color.

In tough times, Minnesotans take pride in taking care of one another. With support from the state, food shelves across Minnesota were able to adapt and serve their communities with a record level of over 3.8 million visits in 2020. History tells us that those hit hardest by the current economic downturn will be the last to recover, and we must continue to rise to the occasion and leverage the resources necessary to support those on the front lines working tirelessly to help families struggling to make ends meet.

Thank you very much for taking the time to address this issue today.

  
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