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Hello committee members,

I am in the Senior population as an 80 year old retired person. HF 2725 is greatly needed. We need to look forward to the aging population especially in the rural areas. Housing for the seniors, (homes with wider hallways, bathroom facilities for seniors, washers and dryers located for seniors) Transportation to the grocery store, medical appointments, all of which is miles away or hours of driving. It would be great for senior type agencies to come together in one office. The State of Minnesota has no policy for the aging. The population in the rural area of Minnesota is growing with one figure placing the growth at 77% in rural Minnesota. Seniors do not want to leave their home/town/township. It is more cost effective than shipping them out to a nursing home somewhere.

Living in Ottertail Minnesota I have to travel at least 25 minutes to an hour to reach a major store, but what happens when I stop driving? We need to plan ahead now to meet the demands of the next 10 to 20 years, to keep them in their home. This would make it easier for the Senior population to stay in their local communities where they want to be.

Thank You for Your Consideration,
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