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***Send via email:***

Dear **[Representative/Senator** **Last Name]**,

I am a constituent of yours from **[location].**

Please support $3,076 million in funding for meals for seniors in the House Omnibus Human Services bill. The health of vulnerable older adults in our communities depends upon this critical funding. **[If the legislator is on the** [**House Services Finance and Policy Committee**](https://www.house.mn.gov/Committees/members/94014) **or the** [**Senate Human Services Committee**](https://www.senate.mn/committees/committee_bio.html?ls=93&cmte_id=3126)**, include:** In your role in setting policy and finances for human services in the **[House or Senate]**, your voice is particularly important, and I hope I can count on your support.]

This funding is supported by the Senior Meals & Services Coalition, representing more than 30 nonprofit organizations across the state. Funding would be distributed through Meals on Wheels and other meals programs and targeted to frail seniors with low incomes and those living in rural areas. People who receive these services often don’t drive, live alone or have physical conditions that prevent them from preparing nutritious meals. Home-delivered and group meals can be provided at a fraction of the cost of institutional care.

**[Personal connection: Share how the lack of sufficient funding for senior meals and services impacts you, your loved ones or your community.]**

**Additional funds are urgently needed.**Providers are already cutting home-delivered meals and closing nutrition sites. The Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging projects that 487,000 fewer meals will be available to older adults in 2025 than in 2024, a loss of service for 1,900 seniors. Visit [seniorservicesmn.org](https://seniorservicesmn.org/) for more information.

I implore you to include at least $3,076 million in funding in the biennial appropriation to meet the urgent nutritional needs of older adults.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

**Name**

**Phone number, email (for contact)**