



Minnesota Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development

Monday, February 17th, 2025

3:00 pm | Room 1150

Agenda

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1. Call to Order by Chair Putnam
2. Presentation from MDA on Federal Funding Interactions with State Programs
 - Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
 - Tom Smude, Midwest Processors
 - Hannah Bernhardt, Medicine Creek Farm
3. Presentation from Second Harvest Heartland on Federal Interactions with State Hunger Relief programs
 - Virginia Witherspoon, Executive Director, Channel One Regional Foodbank
 - Zach Rodvold, Second Harvest Heartland
4. Presentation from The Food Group on Federal Interactions with state Food programs
 - Sophia Lenarz-Coy, Executive Director, The Food Group
5. Adjournment