



ADVOCATES FOR
BETTER HEALTH

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*Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Wednesday, February 19, 2025*

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rachel Stoll, and I am a Community Health Worker and Board President of Advocates for Better Health. I am also the spouse of a farmer and live with my young family in rural Winona County.

I am writing to express my strong support for SF1110, a bill that would increase the minimum monthly payment for senior SNAP recipients. As a Community Health Worker, I assist individuals and families in accessing critical services that improve their health and quality of life. I have witnessed firsthand how access to fresh, nutritious food is essential for older adults, especially in rural areas, to manage their health and well-being.

The current minimum payment of \$23 a month is insufficient for anyone, no matter where they live. Many older adults rely on fixed incomes and are especially vulnerable to rising prices due to inflation. In Minnesota, seniors are the fastest-growing group of food pantry visitors. Raising the minimum monthly payment to \$50 would provide much-needed support for seniors and individuals with disabilities who depend on SNAP.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support SF1110 and increase the monthly SNAP payment for eligible seniors. No one, especially our elders, should face hunger and supporting this bill will help seniors live healthier, more fulfilling lives. We must do more to support those who have contributed so much to our communities. Thank you for your time and your commitment to Minnesota's most vulnerable citizens.

Rachel Stoll
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Board President