

Dear Senator Hoffman,

My name is Avery Kearney. I work for Optage Meals. We are a home delivered meal provider that services constituents in District 34 including many seniors who are at nutritional risk.

I'm emailing to urge Representative Hoffman to support **S.F. 2383.** The health of older Minnesotans depends upon this critical funding for food for our most vulnerable community members.

This legislation helps fund meals and services for older adults. According to Defeat Malnutrition Today, one in two older adults is at risk for malnutrition. Inadequate nutrition hurts older adults' health and contributes to rising healthcare costs. Passing **S.F. 2383** also helps older adults with low incomes live independently in their homes rather than in more costly institutional settings.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Avery Kearney Optage Meals