

March 18, 2025

The Honorable John A. Hoffman
Minnesota State Senate
95 University Ave W.
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 2111
St. Paul, MN 55155



Dear Senator Hoffman,

On behalf of the following Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging members, I write today with our full support for SF 2630 and efforts to sustain the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council. This is a crucial and cost-effective investment in our state's infrastructure and leverages the collective strengths of countless communities to ensure all people can age with dignity.

The Age-Friendly Minnesota Council is playing a crucial role in coordinating efforts across state agencies, tribal governments, subject matter experts, and community organizations. Their work administering competitive community grants that offer local solutions and the advancement of *Minnesota's Multisector Blueprint for Aging*, a new 10-year plan that fosters collaboration and innovation. Their priority work has been shaped by thousands of community voices, making the work deeply reflective of our state's collective vision for how we want to age. The policies, systems, and programs being advanced address collective needs – transportation, affordable housing options, enhanced community spaces, stronger intergenerational connections, access to quality health services, etc. – all of which support our collective well-being as we age.

We are committed to supporting this legislation and the ongoing work to ensure the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council remains a valued commitment to our shared future. Please contact me directly at 651-271-3116 or adam@mnlcoa.org with any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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***Uniting leaders to advance
equitable opportunities for
all Minnesotans as we age.***

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