Hunger Day
ON THE HILL
LOBBY DAY PREP
Road map for this training

○ Review of the day
○ How to have a successful meeting
○ Review of the issues
○ Questions
How the day will work

○ We have scheduled meetings with your Senators and Representatives. They know you are coming.

○ You will attend meetings in your Senate group—all members of your community.

○ We will use the hook, pitch and close formula to make your meeting short and quick.
Agenda

- **9-9:45** Registration at Christ Lutheran Church
- **10–11:30** Presentation, hear from legislators, meet your legislative district group
- **11:30–12** pick up lunch
- **12–4** legislator meetings at the Senate Building and the State Office Building
Meeting locations

Senate Building
Meetings with Senators
Floor 2 or 3

State Office Building
Meetings with Representatives
Floor 2, 3, 4 or 5
Legislative Process
HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

IDEA

SENATE AUTHORS

INTRO TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE VOTES

CONFERENCE

FLOOR VOTES

EXECUTIVE SIGN OR VETO

HOUSE AUTHORS
The Partners to End Hunger agenda

- Increase minimum SNAP benefit for seniors
- SNAP as medicine
- Hot prepared meals for SNAP
- Expand LEAFF
- 1115 Waiver for Nutrition Supports
- Fresh Bucks pilot in grocery stores
- Expand SNAP access for college students
- 15 minute minimum time for school lunch
- Farm to school & early care grant expansion
Meeting roles

- Group Leader
- Note Taker
- Story Teller
- Closer
The meeting

Hook, pitch and close in 15 minutes (or less)

Hook
- Name
- Where I live
- Why I’m here

Pitch
- Personal story
- Talking points
- Issue summary

Close
- Will you support our bill?
What’s your story?

○ How are you engaged in the fight against hunger?

○ How can you tie your story to ending hunger?

○ How has your experience with hunger impacted your life?
Your role

- You don’t need to be an expert on the legislative process.
- **You are an expert** on your story and your experience as a community member.
- **You are a constituent** and play an important role by bringing your story and experience to lawmakers.
Putting it all together

Set up
- Assign roles
- Practice meeting
- Review scheduled meetings

Meeting
- Hook, Pitch, Close

Report back & thank you
- Report your meeting
- Write thank you email or note
○ Please fill out the Report Back Form before you leave for the day—it’ll help us figure out which legislators to target later.

○ Please fill out the follow up survey after the event so we can improve Hunger Day on the Hill in the future!

○ Please write a thank you note for each meeting before you leave for the day!

○ Hospitality room is 300N in the State Office Building
Questions?
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The current monthly minimum benefit for SNAP households of 1 to 2 people is $23 and needs to be adjusted to support the rising cost in groceries.

We propose lifting the minimum benefit to $50 for seniors aged 55 and older.
This bill would temporarily extend state-funded SNAP benefits to Minnesota adults who are losing SNAP benefits under federal time limits.
**Issue**
Hot prepared meals for SNAP

**Bill No.** HF3855/SF4135

**Authors**
Rep. Gomez
Sen. Mann

**Committees**
Senate Health & Human Services, House Children & Families

**Lead Organization**
Ramsey County

Directs DHS to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) through the USDA. It would allow certain SNAP clients who might not be able to prepare meals for themselves or who do not have permanent housing to be able to buy prepared meals with SNAP.
Building off of the success of Market Bucks, we are seeking $1 million to launch a pilot to expand the nutrition incentive model to grocery stores and other retail settings. Customers using SNAP at participating stores will receive 50% off their produce purchases.
Issue
Expand LEAFF statewide

Bill No. HF4471

Authors
Rep. Sencer Mura
Sen. Putnam

Committees
Agriculture

Lead Organization
The Good Acre

Seeking $500,000/year to expand the Local Emergency Assistance Farmer Fund to Greater MN. LEAFF was created to empower emerging farmers with enhanced market access and technical support for wholesale production. The produce purchased is donated to hunger relief organizations, making more culturally connected foods available to those in need.
The Farm to School & Early Care grant supports MN schools and early cares to begin or expand purchasing and serving fresh Minnesota agricultural products in meals they serve to children. HF4163/SF3528 expands the grant program to include in-home early care settings and HF4582/SF3446 increases grant funding to $5 million to meet the known demand.
The Hunger Free Schools coalition has heard consistent feedback from students, parents and staff across MN that K12 students are getting as little as 5 minutes to eat lunch at school due to long lines.

This bill will ensure all students get at least 15 minutes to each lunch after receiving their meal.
This bill takes the first step in the process in providing additional reimbursable services through Medical Assistance (Medicaid)

**These nutrition supports could include:**

- Nutrition counseling and education on healthy meal preparation
- Medically-tailored meals
- Home-delivered meals
- Stocking pantries
- Fruit, vegetable and protein prescriptions
This legislation would clarify state law and allow more low-income, food-insecure students to access SNAP. Specifically, it would deem Pell-eligible students attending public or tribal colleges and universities eligible for SNAP benefits.
Questions?