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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

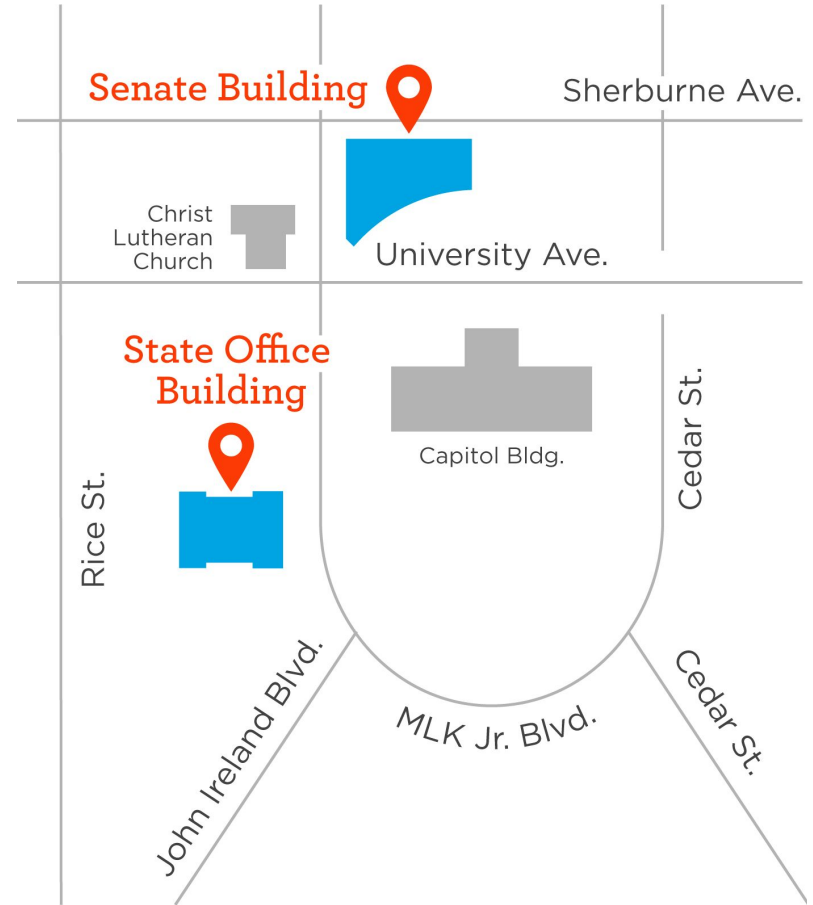
Meeting locations

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



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

**Report
back**

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Surveys

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**Thank
yous**

- 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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Issue

Increase minimum SNAP benefit for seniors

Bill No. HF 4108, SF 4146

Authors

Rep. Keeler
Sen. Mann

Committees

Senate Health & Human Services, House Children & Families

Lead Organizations

The Food Group & Hunger Solutions

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.

Issue

SNAP as Medicine

Bill No. HF 3469, SF 3968

Authors

Rep. Keeler

Sen. Mann

Committees

Senate Health & Human
Services, House Children
& Families

Lead Organization

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid

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.

Issue

Expand the Market Bucks model to Fresh Bucks in grocery stores

Bill No. TBD

Authors

Rep. Bierman
Sen. Maye Quade

Committees

Senate Health & Human Services, House Health Finance & Policy

Lead Organizations

The Food Group & Hunger Solutions

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.

Issue

Farm to school & early care grant expansion

Bill No. HF4163/SF3528
(home-based) &
HF4582/SF3446 (funding)

Authors

Rep. Norris
Sen. Gustafson

Committee

Agriculture

Lead Organization

IATP

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.

Issue

15 minute minimum time for school lunch

Bill No. HF3556

Authors

Rep. Jordan

Sen. TBD

Committee

Education Policy

Lead Organizations

The Food Group &
Hunger Solutions

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.

Issue

1115 Waiver for Nutrition Supports

Bill No. HF3639/SF3969

Authors

Rep. Noor
Sen. Mann

Committees

Senate Health & Human Services, House Human Services Finance

Lead Organization

Second Harvest Heartland

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

Issue

Expand SNAP access for college students

Bill No. HF4517/SF4402

Authors

Rep. Keeler

Sen. Putnam

Committees

Senate Health & Human Services, House Children & Families

Lead Organizations

Students United & Second Harvest Heartland

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?

