



March 5, 2026

Governor Tim Walz  
Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan  
Members of the Minnesota Senate  
Members of the Minnesota House

To the Honorable Governor Tim Walz, Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, and members of the Minnesota Legislature:

On behalf of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and the Minnesota Budget Project, and 65 organizations across the state, we ask for your support to ensure critical public services that Minnesotans count on are protected and expanded as the state responds to unprecedented federal funding cuts and harmful policy changes impacting the state in the face of anticipated future budget shortfalls.

We are united in our call for state leaders to:

- Take bold action to prioritize and protect Minnesotans' health and economic well-being;
- Ensure Minnesotans' access to health care, food support, and other public services, regardless of their immigration status or other identities or circumstances beyond their control; and
- Raise revenues, especially from those with the most resources, in order to replace lost federal funding, protect crucial services and meet Minnesotans' needs.

In 2026, Minnesotans are facing ongoing challenges with rising costs and economic uncertainty. Nonprofit organizations and local governments are bracing for the impact of federal cuts and harmful policy changes to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) passed in the federal budget reconciliation bill, as well as other federal cuts to affordable health insurance and other public services.

We call for a sensible approach to prevent increased hardship across the state in the aftermath of a federal budget reconciliation bill that cut crucial services in order to provide large tax cuts to high-income households while doing little to address the challenges of everyday Minnesotans trying to get by.

Without strong state action, tens of thousands of Minnesotans could lose their health care. There will be unsustainable cost shifts to health care providers and hospitals that put Minnesotans' access to care at risk. And tens of thousands of Minnesotans could go hungry. These are just some examples of the increased hardship and challenges that communities in every part of the state are facing.

The state needs to step up for Minnesotans that the federal government would leave behind. And we need state revenues to do that.

As we face these challenges, we recognize that Minnesota is a state of abundance. We also know that all of us benefit when everyone has what they need to thrive. We know that by rising together across race and place -- from Bemidji to bluff country, from the North Shore to southwestern prairies -- Minnesotans can reimagine the future we deserve.

As a community of nonprofit organizations, we understand the essential role public services play in building thriving families and communities. We envision a future where every community has health care, child care, clean air and water, safe housing, and good schools, and where folks navigate their days without fear and with freedom.

We ask you for bold leadership. Protect and invest in our shared public services so we can continue the caring and collective work it takes to create safe, healthy neighborhoods and towns all across our state.

Signed,



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Articulture  
Children's Defense Fund Minnesota  
CornerHouse  
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Doctors for Early Childhood  
EVOLVE Family Services  
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Five Wings Arts Council  
Genesys Works Twin Cities  
Great River Homes, Inc.  
Headwaters Foundation for Justice  
Headwaters School of Music and the Arts  
HOME Line  
Impact MN  
Impact Now Consulting  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota  
Legal Services Advocacy Project  
Mary T. Associates  
Midwest Food Connection  
Minnesota Alliance on Problem Gambling  
Minnesota Association of Community Mental  
Health Programs  
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