FOR USE BY ORGANIZATIONS TO THEIR VOLUNTEERS

***Send via email:***

[First Name of Volunteer],

As a valued volunteer for [Name of Organization], we are reaching out to ask you for your help in advocating for our aging community members.

The Minnesota Board on Aging is tasked with creating an equitable federal funding formula for Minnesota’s Older American Act dollars and the public comment period will be open in April. The draft #5 that is being proposed leaves Greater MN at a shortfall risking a substantial loss in service for our older community members including a loss of funding for free rides to medical appointments, home delivered meals, grocery delivery, respite, lawn mowing and snow removal services and much more.  All of these services help our older neighbors stay safe in their homes and assist caregivers with needed supports. Rural Minnesota is already facing a shortfall in funding for these services, we cannot keep our aging neighbors healthy with continued cuts. Without your voice greater Minnesota stands to lose critical support for community-based services. Would you be willing to provide public comment to the Minnesota Board on Aging to ask for an equitable formula that supports Greater Minnesota?

Go to <http://www.GreaterMinnesotaAging.org> to learn more about this important issue!

Please ask your neighbors, state and county elected officials to provide their comments to the Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA). Ask MBA to decrease 60+ Population to 20%, decrease 60+ with Disability to 5%, increase 60+ Rural to 25% and increase 60+ Living Alone to 10%. **This would increase funding to all outstate Area Agencies on Aging in Minnesota and increase funding in your local communities.**

**Your voice and your support to help our aging community members live in the community of their choice is greatly appreciated!**