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Long-Term Care Leaders Respond to Governor Walz on Federal Medicaid Cuts

We share Governor Walz's stated concern for rural senior care in Minnesota, and we appreciate him sounding the alarm on Medicaid cuts at the federal level. We hope this means he is no longer pushing for similar Medicaid cuts at the state level that he has included in each of his budget proposals this session, which would have a devastating impact on older adults. 88% of rural Minnesotans believe seniors deserve care in their own communities — a core value the Governor's budget puts at risk. As Minnesota lawmakers work to finalize budget bills in the coming weeks, we urge them to prioritize funding for senior care. In the absence of that, Governor Walz is right: Seniors, and those who provide them with care, will certainly be facing a crisis.

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