

Call to Action

The Volunteer Driver Coalition is working for legislative change to **protect the viability of volunteer driver programs** in Minnesota.

Our Goals

We strive to eliminate barriers for volunteer drivers and to ease the financial burden imposed by current tax requirements on mileage reimbursement received by volunteers.

Challenges We've Identified

In 2018, volunteer drivers in Minnesota provided more than **168,000 rides** for older adults and other non-drivers, giving them access to healthcare and other essential community services and products. Organizations with volunteer driver programs served at least **77,474 people** in 2018 and drivers covered more than **9.5 million miles**.

Organizations that provide rides or transport for meals or donated organs have faced increasing barriers to recruiting and retaining volunteers. Programs face two major issues:

1. Some auto insurance carriers are increasing their insurance rates on volunteer drivers, treating them like for-hire taxicab or Uber/Lyft drivers.
2. Volunteers must pay federal and state income tax on mileage reimbursement received over the IRS-set rate of 14 cents per mile when the total reimbursement exceeds \$600 a year.

How This Legislation Helps

HF 2377/SF 2324 will provide these changes to address the barriers individual drivers and organizations face:

- Clearly **define a volunteer driver** in law as not "for-hire."
- Protect volunteer drivers from **increased insurance rates**.
- Create a state income tax subtraction for volunteer drivers to **reduce their tax liability** in Minnesota.
- **Cap the liability** of nonprofit organizations that offer volunteer driver services at \$1.5 million.



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COALITION

We seek passage of

HF 2377
SF 2324

to protect the valuable
resource of
volunteer drivers

We cannot afford to lose
Minnesota's 1,959 volunteer drivers

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About the Coalition

The Volunteer Driver Coalition came together in 2019 with leadership from the Minnesota Public Transit Association and support from the Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the Living at Home Network. Members include nonprofit organizations, counties, Area Agencies on Aging, Regional Transportation Coordinating Councils, associations, and others that support the Coalition's advocacy initiative to strengthen volunteer driver programs in Minnesota.

Coalition Members

AARP Minnesota
Age Well Arrowhead
Aitkin County CARE, Inc.
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
Anoka County Medlink
Anoka County RSVP
ARDC/Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
Argyle Hope Program
Arrowhead Transit-Volunteer Driving Program
Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
Big Woods Transit/Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
B's Homecare Inc. & B's Adult Day Center
CARE - Community Action Respecting Elders
Care Partners of Cook County
Carver County
Center for Victims of Torture
Central Community Transit
Central MN Council on Aging
City of Sandstone
Community Partners
Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program
Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging
DARTS
East Central Regional Development Commission/East Central Regional Transportation Coordinating Council
East Side Elders
Faith in Action for Cass County
GoDakota
Hamline Midway Elders
Hastings Family Service
Headwaters RTCC

Help At Your Door
Hennepin County
Highland Block Nurse Program
Horizon Health
Keystone Community Services
Living at Home Network
Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors
Metro Meals on Wheels
Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
Mid-Minnesota Development Commission
Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration
Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Minnesota Association of Townships
Minnesota Board on Aging
Minnesota Community Action Partnership
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging
Minnesota Public Transit Association
Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging
Minnesota Social Service Association
Neighborhood Network for Seniors
Neighbors, Inc.
North End -South Como Block Nurse Program
North Shore Area Partners
Northeast MN Regional Transportation Coordination Council
Northwest Regional Development Commission
Northwoods Caregivers
Paynesville Area LAH/BNP aka R.O.S.E. Center
Prairie Five C.A.C., Inc.

Productive Alternatives Volunteer Driver Program
Roseville Area Senior Program
Scott County - Smartlink
Semcac
Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County
Seven County Senior Federation
Southeast Seniors
Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging
The Nokomis Healthy Seniors Group
St. Anthony Park Area Seniors
Stephen Living at Home/Block Nurse Program
Three Rivers Community Action
Tri-County Action Program
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.
United Community Action Partnership
Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc.
Volunteers of America - MN Our Home
Warren S.O.S.
WeCAB
West Central MN Communities Action, Inc.
Wright County Community Action