

Minnesota Coalition *for the* Homeless

MFIP Letter Writing

GOAL: We are asking for a \$200/mo increase to MFIP this session, and as you know MFIP cash assistance hasn't been increased since 1986! Let's gather 200 letters in April to deliver to the conference committee at the start of May.

Step 1:

Print our MFIP letterhead or use your own paper/greeting card. There's a lot you can do to make the 1980s fun!

Step 2:

Address your letter with "Dear Conference Committee Members:"

Step 3:

Write from your heart about why increasing MFIP cash assistance is important to you. Some ideas to get you started (Remember - these aren't necessary! **The most important thing is for your letter to be authentic and heartfelt**).

- MFIP cash assistance hasn't been increased since 1986!
- The maximum level of assistance for a family of three is just \$532/mo.
- More than 55,000 kids in Minnesota are living in extreme poverty while their parents strive to satisfy MFIP's rigid work and training requirements.
- Minnesota is one of three states that has not increased cash assistance for families in 33 years
- MFIP is a de facto unemployment insurance program - the vast majority of parents who access MFIP do so immediately after losing a low wage job.

Step 4:

Mail your letter to:

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