



Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness

Action Alert February 23rd, 2010

IMMEDIATE ACTION: Tell our Minnesota Legislators to override the Governor's veto of General Assistance Medical Care Bill.

The Message: Ask your Legislator to vote to override the Governor's veto of the GAMC bill (HF 2680/SF 2168).

First we ask that you check to see if your elected officials voted for (HF 2680/SF 2168) saving GAMC. If they did, please thank them and encourage them to step forward and continue to act in the best interests of their communities, their constituencies, and people living in poverty and crisis **by voting to override the Governor's veto**

Whom to Contact: Call or email Your Minnesota State Representative and Senator today! To find your legislator, go to <http://www.gis.leg.mn/mapserver/districts/> or call (800) 657-3550.

Call today. GAMC enrollees need you to stand with them against the Governor's cuts.

Talking Points:

- **Talk about why this bill is important and how it will impact the community.** If you know someone on GAMC, please share their story with your legislators.
- **Let them know that the bill:**
 - keeps our communities safe
 - protects the dignity of Minnesota's poorest and sickest adults
 - protects hospitals, jobs and other public services
 - protects thousands of military veterans who rely on the program for their health care

Background Information:

On Thursday, February 18th, the Minnesota House overwhelmingly passed (125-9) a bill that would temporarily restore the General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) program for the next 16 months. The Senate quickly concurred, and this bill, with massive bi-partisan support, went to the desk of the Governor.

Within hours, Governor Pawlenty vetoed this bill, cutting off health care for Minnesota's poorest and sickest residents. GAMC enrollees will lose access to GAMC-funded health care in less than 40 days **unless we all act.**

Thanks for all you're doing for justice.