

Metro Region

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Hello Metro Region, and welcome to the new year! As you are all reading this it is now 2026! A new year means a new opportunity to wash away all of the difficult moments of 2025, and give yourself a fresh new start with 2026!

As we say goodbye to the year 2025, I can think of a few good memories we can reflect upon. A huge highlight of 2025 for our region was coming together in person to create posters for the 35th Anniversary of the ADA! It was so much fun to be able to connect in person with you all and work towards a common goal of making sure our voices were heard, and people understood why the ADA is such an important thing! The ADA of course refers to the Americans with Disabilities Act. We actually still have some of the posters we'd created on display at the MASS

office to remind us all of our hard work and dedication! I will never forget how great of a job Adner did with using the megaphone to chant, “We will not go away, the ADA is here to stay!”. Pictured below is a photo of myself, Jenna, and Daysiree from the Northeast holding one of the posters we’d made!



Speaking of making our voices heard, be sure to come to our next Metro Regional meeting! It will be on Tuesday, January 20th from 4:30 to 6:00 on zoom. As part of this meeting we are going to spend some time brainstorming how to make our voices heard by our legislators, and explaining to them why snap benefits are so important! Shoutout to Katherine for getting that amazing conversation started at our last meeting.

Thank you everyone for making this year such a good one!