

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20510

October 26, 2021

The Honorable Xavier Becerra  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra,

As House champions for affordable energy assistance, we write to urge the Department of Health and Human Services to release Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds as quickly and at the highest level possible under the current continuing resolution. With the winter heating season rapidly approaching, we are concerned that funds have yet to be released and the most vulnerable Americans will be impacted.

LIHEAP is the main federal program that helps low-income households and seniors with their energy bills and provides critical assistance during the cold winter and hot summer months. October marks the start of the heating season for many states and low-income families and seniors will be facing additional strains on their household budgets. In addition, millions of low-income families, including seniors, are facing new and severe financial hardship due to COVID, making the assistance provided through LIHEAP more important than ever.

As state agencies work to prepare their LIHEAP programs for the coming winter, it is crucial that they have the resources they need to assist low-income households and seniors as soon as possible, especially in light of the current public health crisis. As such, we request that you quickly release LIHEAP funds at the highest level possible to allow states to prepare for the upcoming season. It is essential that low-income households do not have to choose between paying for heat and affording other necessities like food or medicine.


We look forward to continuing to work with you on this critical program and thank you for your attention to our concerns and those of our constituents.

Sincerely,



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