

ALERT

Legislative Alert #144

April 24, 2006

HOUSE BUDGET VOTE EXPECTED THIS WEEK!

The House is preparing to vote on a budget that will force cuts in human needs programs including food aid, education, child care, and housing. We need your help in sending a strong message to the House to vote NO on the budget.

The House Budget Committee approved a political budget bill that ignores the growing opposition to cuts and ignores the needs of millions of Americans. These cuts mean that food aid will be eliminated for almost half a million seniors, education for the disadvantaged will be reduced by \$2.4 billion, and 650,000 fewer children will receive subsidized child care in 2011 than in 2000. This budget also cuts \$4 billion in unemployment insurance; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; and income support for the poor, elderly, and people with disabilities.

Our Targets

Boehlert, Sherwood (R-NY)
Castle, Mike (R-DE)
Emerson, JoAnn (R-MO)
English, Philip (R-PA)
Fitzpatrick, Mike (R-PA)
Foley, Mark (R-FL)
Gerlach, Jim (R-PA)
Gibbons, James (R-NV)
Gilchrest, Wayne (R-MD)
Harris, Katherine (R-FL)
Hart, Melissa (R-PA)
Johnson, Nancy (R-CT)

Johnson, Timothy (R-IL)
Kelly, Sue (R-NY)
Kennedy, Mark (R-MN)
Kuhl, John (R-NY)
LaHood, Ray (R-IL)
LaTourette, Steve, (R-OH)
Leach, Jim (R-IA)
LoBiondo, Frank (R-NJ)
McHugh, John (R-NY)
Murphy, Timothy (R-PA)
Ney, Bob (R-OH)
Northup, Anne (R-KY)
Nussle, Jim (R-IA)

Platts, Todd (R-PA)
Ramstad, Jim (R-MN)
Schwarz, Joe (R-MI)
Shays, Chris (R-CT)
Shaw, Clay (R-FL)
Simmons, Rob (R-CT)
Smith, Christopher (R-NJ)
Sweeney, John (R-NY)
Upton, Fred (R-MI)
Walsh, James (R-NY)
Weldon, Curt (R-PA)
Wilson, Heather (R-NM)
Young, Don (R-AK)

PLEASE CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TOLL FREE: (800) 459-1887 AND TELL THEM:

“I’m calling to urge Rep. _____ to vote against the Budget Committee’s resolution. It forces cuts in nutrition aid, health care, education/training, housing, and other essential services. Vulnerable Americans—infants, poor workers, and the elderly—will lose needed services. Please support efforts to restore funding for these important domestic programs. This budget sacrifices essential priorities for tax breaks that favor the rich.”

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